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IS AGED FIFTY-THREE AND IS ATTORNEY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. RICHMOND  
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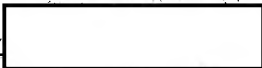
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 Birthdate & Place 5/11/07 Richmond  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Re*

DATE: January 31, 1961

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*

SUBJECT: OLIVER WHITE HILL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

8/26/83  
Classified by SP1GSKIDMS  
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Mr. Conrad *✓*

Mr. Evans *✓*

## BACKGROUND

Investigation requested 12/28/60 by Lawrence F. O'Brien, Special Assistant to the President, the White House, Washington, D. C., and opened same day. Position for which being considered not indicated. Investigation completed with the exception of a check of the United States Secret Service and the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

## RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Hill is a fifty-three-year-old Negro attorney presently practicing in Richmond, Virginia. He is an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Richmond, Virginia. Investigation was favorable except as follows:

Several persons interviewed recollected that Hill, while practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia, in the 1930's, was involved in some complaint regarding money in an attorney-client relationship. No one could recall the details of the complaint. Governor J. Lindsay Almond (D) of Virginia, advised he was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and later a Judge at Roanoke, Virginia, and knows of nothing derogatory concerning Hill. Roanoke PD has no record for Hill.

[Sources have advised that Hill has been discussed at numerous meetings of the Virginia CP and that Virginia CP leaders sought to aid in Hill's campaign for City Councilman and that he accepted their help as individuals but not as members of the CP. Source states Hill never a CP or CP front member. Source advised Hill associated with National Lawyers' Guild in 1939. Another source states Hill signed Stockholm Peace Petition (cited by HCUA) in July, 1950. Hill was one of 18 lawyers who signed petition in behalf of Southern Conference Educational Fund (cited by HCUA).

## RECOMMENDATION

That the attached cover letter and summary be delivered to Mr. O'Donnell.

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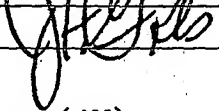
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OLIVER WHITE HILL

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

American Bar Association (ABA) membership files located at Chicago, Illinois, revealed OLIVER WHITE HILL, born 5/1/07, place of birth not listed, became a member of the ABA on 5/21/56, and is at present a member in good standing.

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## DETAILS:

Affiliation

On December 29, 1960, [REDACTED] Clerk, American Bar Association (ABA), 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised a review of ABA membership files revealed OLIVER WHITE HILL, born May 1, 1907, place of birth not listed, became an ABA member on May 21, 1956, and is at present a member in good standing. ABA membership files revealed HILL claims to have been admitted to legal practice before the Virginia State Bar during 1934, specific date not recorded.

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[REDACTED] advised ABA membership and grievance files do not contain any unfavorable information concerning HILL. Based upon a review of ABA files, [REDACTED] stated there is no one currently employed at the ABA's national headquarters located at Chicago, Illinois, who is socially or professionally acquainted with HILL.

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TO ROANOKE, VA., AND PRACTICED LAW UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. HE  
THEN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. AND WORKED AS A WAITER AT  
BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE RESTAURANTS AND HARVEY-S RESTAURANT.  
HE RETURNED TO RICHMOND IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT AND HAS LIVED  
HERE SINCE. MARRIED BERESINA WALKER ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN  
IN WASHINGTON. THEY HAVE ONE SMALL CHILD. APPOINTEE-S MOTHER,  
OLIVA W. HILL, RESIDES SEVEN FOUR ONE GRESHAM PLACE, N. W.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C. STEP-FATHER, JOSEPH C. HILL, DIED MAY, NINETEEN  
FIFTYNINE. BERESINA WALKER-S PARENTS, YETTA B. AND ANDREW J.

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WALKER OF WASHINGTON, BOTH DECEASED. APPOINTEE-S BROTHERS-IN-LAW ARE ARMSTEAD L. WALKER, ONE TWO FOUR ZERO RHODE ISLAND AVE., WASHINGTON, D. C., AND SAMUEL S. WALKER, ONE THREE ONE TWO SEVENTIETH AVE., HUNTSVILLE, MD. APPOINTEE IS ONLY CHILD AND HAS NO OTHER KNOWN RELATIVES. FOR INFO OF BALTIMORE AND ST. LOUIS, APPOINTEE SERVED U. S. ARMY, JUNE FORTYTHREE TO FORTYFIVE, ASN THREE THREE SIX FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE ONE. BALTIMORE CHECK G-TWO AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECKS ON SAMUEL S. WALKER. HILL-S FORMER LAW PARTNER STATED HILL NEVER WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUT DID WORK ON PER DIEM BASIS WITH PRESIDENT-S COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACT COMPLIANCE, WASHINGTON, DURING TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION, BUT CONTINUED TO LIVE IN RICHMOND. WFO HANDLE AND CODUCT PERTINENT AGENCY CHECKS. ALL OFFICES MAKE CERTAIN THAT BUDED OF JANUARY FOUR SIXTYONE IS MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SAC, RICHMOND /161-25/ 2P

CHANGED. OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA CHARLES B. WHITE, OLIVER LEWIS

WHITE. SPI. TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL NAMES AS  
CONTAINED BVS, RICHMOND, VA. RE BUREAU TEL DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT  
LAST, ENTITLED QUOTE OLIVER HILL, SPI UNQUOTE. REQUEST FOR  
INVESTIGATION OF HILL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION,  
POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. HILL BORN MAY FIRST,  
<sup>5/1/07, Richmond, Va.</sup>  
NINETEEN SEVEN, RICHMOND, AND ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL ROANOKE, VA.

AT AGE FIFTEEN, HE WENT TO WASHINGTON, DC, TO HIGH SCHOOL AND  
GRADUATED HOWARD UNIVERSITY, AB DEGREE, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, AND LLB  
AT HOWARD IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. ASSOCIATES IN RICHMOND STATE  
HILL AT ONE TIME EMPLOYED DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, DC, AND  
ALSO WITH FEPC, WASHINGTON. WFO HANDLE. HILL ENTERED ARMY JUNE,  
FORTYTHREE, AND DISCHARGED FORTYFIVE AS STAFF SERGEANT. ST. LOUIS VERIFY  
RECORDS, ~~FOR~~ BVS, RICHMOND, REFLECT COURT ORDER ENTERED OCTOBER ONE,  
FORTYTWO, HUSTINGS COURT, RICHMOND, CHANGING NAME FROM CHARLES B.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD AND RICHMOND  
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /161-61/ 1P

CHANGED. OLIVER WHITE HILL, SPI. REBUTEL RICHMOND DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT, LAST. TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT APPOINTEE-S MIDDLE NAME AS WHITE AS DETERMINED BY REVIEW OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION PAREN ABA END PAREN MEMBERSHIP FILES. ABA FILES DISCLOSED APPOINTEE BORN MAY ONE, NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN, PLACE OF BIRTH NOT LISTED. APPOINTEE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ABA ON MAY TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AND IS AT PRESENT IN GOOD STANDING. APPOINTEE ORIGINALLY ADMITTED TO LEGAL PRACTICE BEFORE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DURING THIRTY FOUR. APPOINTEE ENDORSED FOR ABA MEMBERSHIP BY [REDACTED] NINE ZERO ONE MUTUAL BUILDING, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. APPOINTEE-S CURRENT ADDRESS IS LISTED AS ONEONE EIGHT EAST LEIGH STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. RICHMOND AND WASHINGTON FIELD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION, VERIFY VIRGINIA STATE BAR MEMBERSHIP AND CHECK GRIEVANCE FILES. INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>OLIVER WHITE HILL, aka Charles B. White, Oliver Lewis White</b>		Report made by <b>IC ERWIN W. LAUGEMAN</b>	Typed By: <b>bsk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Richmond teletypes dated 12/29/60; and  
St. Louis teletype dated 12/30/60.

STATUS: - RUC -

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## Copy to:

Report of: IC ERWIN W. LANGEMAN      Office: ST. LOUIS  
Date: December 30, 1960  
Field Office File No.: SL 161-81      Bureau File No.:  
Title: OLIVER WHITE HILL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No FEPC, President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance or CSC, SRD, record located for OLIVER WHITE HILL, also known as CHARLES B. WHITE, OLIVER LEWIS WHITE, FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo. HILL served in U.S. Army from 6/28/43 to 11/2/45. Received honorable discharge. He also served in the ERC.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On December 30, 1960, personnel of the Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that no record of Fair Employment, Practice Committee, President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance employment or Civil Service Commission, Service Record Division file for OLIVER WHITE HILL, also known as CHARLES B. WHITE, OLIVER LEWIS WHITE, born May 1, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia, could be located.

A review on December 29, 1960, by IC [REDACTED] of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for OLIVER WHITE HILL, Serial Number 33640711, indicated that he was inducted into the United States Enlisted Reserve Corps on June 14, 1943, and entered on active duty in the United States Army on June 28, 1943, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. He was honorably discharged on November 2, 1945, as a Staff Sergeant at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, by reason of being overage. No additional reserve service was shown.

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His military occupation was shown as Clerk and civilian occupation was shown as Lawyer. He had no foreign service in Scotland and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, the American Theater Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon.

His character and efficiency ratings were shown as excellent, and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The date and place of birth were shown as May 1, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia.

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Records, MSP, Pikesville, Md., negative re appointee's brother-in-law, SAMUEL S. WALKER. DMV files, Baltimore, reflect arrest of SAMUEL SYLVESTER WALKER, 1312 70th Ave., Huntsville, Md., on 10/7/60 for "following too closely"; fined ten dollars and costs.

G-2 files, Fort Holabird, Md., contain no record identifiable with the appointee; however, G-2 file, H8218811, consists entirely of Bureau letterhead memo dated 4/11/60 at Richmond, Va., titled "OLIVER W. HILL".

G-2 indices reflect that information re one OLIVER W. HILL, not further identified, is located at the Intelligence Records Section, ACSI, DA, The Pentagon, WDC, under the following cross references:

SUBJECT	DATE OF CORRESPONDENCE	DATE BASIC	FILE NUMBERS
Summary Domestic			
Intell.	11/7/52	6/14/46	000240 2AA
Summary of Intell.	11/25/49	6/14/46	Same
Summary of Intell.	12/31/48	"	"
Summary of Intell.	10/22/48	"	"
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Summary of Intell.	11/7/52	"	"
Summary of Intell.	4/14/50	"	"

WFO at ACSI will review above cross references and if identical with appointee, will report pertinent information. Baltimore will not surep UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, RICHMOND /161-25/ 1P

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA CHARLES B. WHITE, OLIVER LEWIS WHITE,  
SPI. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF HILL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM  
KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION, POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT  
KNOWN. IS PROMINENT NEGRO ATTORNEY IN RICHMOND, VA., WHO HAS  
BEEN ACTIVE IN NAACP AND SCHOOL DESEGREGATION CASES. BORN MAY  
FIRST, ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN, RICHMOND. SEE NEW ORLEANS FILE  
ONE HUNDRED DASH SEVEN FIVE NINE, REPORT SA DAVID HANLIN BECKER,  
DATED FEB. TWO, NINETEEN FIFTY, CAPTIONED SCHW, SCEF, IS DASH  
C. PAGE SIX OLIVER W. HILL IS LISTED AS ONE OF SIGNERS OF  
BRIEF IN BEHALF OF HERMAN SWEATT. NEW ORLEANS ASCERTAIN  
CONNECTION THIS BRIEF WITH SCEF, WHETHER SPONSORED BY SCEF AND  
ANY CONNECTION HILL MAY HAVE OR HAVE HAD WITH SCEF. SUREP.  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS /161-81/ 1P

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA. SPI. RE RICHMOND TELS TWELVE TWENTYNINE  
LAST. BUDED ONE FOUR SIXTYONE WITHOUT FAIL. ST. LOUIS REPORTING  
REMPLOYMENT FEPC PAREN FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE END PAREN  
AND PRESIDENT-S COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACT COMPLIANCE UNLOCATED  
WASHINGTON FIELD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND VERIFY EMPLOYMENTS. REPORT  
FOLLOWS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-87)

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA, SPI. RE RICHMOND TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYNINE SIXTY. FEPC NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE, RECORDS AT ST. LOUIS. REPORT PUBLISHED BY FEPC IN FORTYSIX DID NOT LIST APPOINTEE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. POSSIBLY A CONSULTANT. ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT AND SUTEL POSITION OF APPOINTEE AND NAMES OF SUPERVISORS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, RICHMOND /161-25/ 1P

OLIVER WHITE HILL, SPI. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS WHILE HILL PRACTICING  
LAW, ROANOKE, VA., NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR DASH THIRTYSIX, POSSIBOY  
BECAME INVOLVED IN QUESTOXX QUESTIONABLE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP,  
MAY HAVE INVOLVED FUNDS OF CLIENT WHICH WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION  
OF ROBERT SMITH, DECEASED COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY, ROANOKE, VA.  
MATTIE ECHOLS, SECRETARY TO U. S. SENATOR WILLIS A. ROBERTSON,  
VA., WASHINGTON, DC, WAS THEN SECRETARY TO ROBERT SMITH AND  
ALLEGEDLY ACQUAINTED WITH ALL DETAILS OF OFFICE. INTERVIEW.  
MAKE CERTAIN THAT BUDED OF JANUARY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYONE IS  
MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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DESEGREGATION CASES, BORN MAY ONE NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN, RICHMOND.  
FOR FURTHER INFO RICHMOND, FILE REVIEW REFLECTS HILL WAS SPONSOR  
OF DECLARATORY CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.,  
SPONSORED BY SCEF. IF NOT ALREADY INCORPORATED INTO RICHMOND  
REPORT, THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN REPORT. CIS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWN RELIABILITY, RECONTACTED TODAY BY S A J.  
WOODROW GILMORE, DID NOT KNOW HILL AND COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER  
INFO. RICHMOND IS REFERRED TO REPORT OF S A DAVID HANLIN BECKER,  
NEW ORLEANS, FEB. ELEVEN NINETEEN FORTYNINE, CAPTIONED SCHW DASH  
SCEF, INC., IS DASH C. WFO WILL CHECK RECORDS U. S. SUPREME COURT  
TO DETERMINE IF BRIEF IN SWEATT CASE WAS FILED IN BEHALF SCEF.  
SUREP. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION, SET OUT  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>OLIVER WHITE HILL, aka. Oliver W. Hill, Oliver Hill, Charles B. White, Oliver Lewis White</b>		Report made by <b>RICHARD E. BRENNAN</b>	Typed By: <b>EML</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

~~Synopsis~~ -

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## REFERENCES

Bureau teletype dated December 28, 1960.  
Richmond teletypes to the Bureau dated December 29,  
1960 (2).

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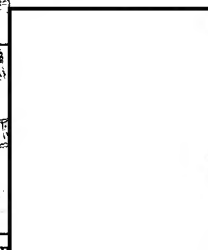
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Investigation in this case was conducted by the following:

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Hot Springs and Warm Springs, Virginia - SA [REDACTED]

Richmond, Virginia:

Birth and divorce records and interview with  
A. S. HARRISON, JR., by SA [REDACTED]

Interviews with MARTIN A. MARTIN; W. STIRLING  
KING; J. EDWARD LAWLER; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RH T-3 and [REDACTED] and check at  
Virginia State Bar and Richmond Newspaper Morgue  
by SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN.

Neighborhood investigation in Richmond by SA  
[REDACTED]

Arrest and interview with Major JOHN M. WRIGHT (NA)  
by SA CLAUDE A. BASS.

Credit by SA [REDACTED]

Interview with J. VAUGHAN GARY by SA [REDACTED]

Review of Richmond files by SAs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and RICHARD E. BRENNAN.

Interviews with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] by SA THOMAS H. LARDNER.

[Contact of [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]] ~~X~~ U

Confidential informants mentioned in this report  
are identified as follows:

RH T-1 - [Anonymous Source] Richmond file  
100-5638-2666 and 2720; Bureau file  
100-335815.

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RH T-2 - [ ] Currently contacted on December 30, 1960, by SA [ ]  
Other information from Richmond files 100-7832-188, [66-1228A-364 and 441] ~~U~~

RH T-3 - [ ] Richmond, Virginia. ~~U~~  
Richmond file 157-175.

RH T-4 - [ ] Richmond files 66-788A-200 and 100-801-940 pages 3 and 6. Deceased. ~~U~~  
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RH T-5 - [ ] Richmond file 100-801-5664. ~~U~~

RH T-6 - [ ] Richmond file 100-801-7205. ~~U~~

It is noted that numerous additional references appear in Richmond files from informants showing that OLIVER HILL was mentioned in conversations between Communist Party members in Richmond. In no instance is it shown that HILL was associated with the Communist Party or that he sought Communist Party aid in connection with any of his activities. For example, in 1948 [ ] Communist Party Chairman in the State of Virginia, was dictating some names for her husband to type on envelopes. The name OLIVER HILL was mentioned by [ ]

On July 29, 1947, [ ] another Communist Party member and currently Virginia State Communist Party Chairman, mentioned that she planned to go to OLIVER HILL's campaign headquarters in Richmond to assist HILL in his campaign. He was then running for the Richmond City Council. ~~U~~

These additional references are not being included in instant report since the references set forth appear to present an accurate picture regarding his non-affiliation with the Communist Party.

Sources were concealed and informant symbols were used only where deemed necessary.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN  
Date: January 3, 1961

Office: Richmond, Virginia

Field Office File No.: 161-25

Bureau File No.:

Title: OLIVER WHITE HILL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis:

Appointee born 5/1/07 Richmond, Virginia. Left State at early age and went to Washington, D. C., where he received his education. Began practice of law Roanoke, Virginia, for about three years and then returned to Washington. Two lawyers, Roanoke, have vague recollection HILL left there in disrepute because of some lawyer - client relationship. This not substantiated by other lawyers or sources. Was cited in 1957 by a Virginia legislative committee for barratry and unprofessional conduct in connection with NAACP activities. No further action taken. Member in good standing Virginia State Bar. Neighbors and acquaintances recommend as to character, loyalty and associates. Three associates recommend but believe he should not be appointed to a position in Virginia. Results of contacts with informants set forth. Satisfactory credit rating, no arrest record for HILL or family.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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On December 29, 1960, [redacted] Clerk, Virginia State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia, located the following information concerning the appointee:

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She stated that on October 1, 1942, a court order was entered in Hustings Court in the City of Richmond changing the name of CHARLES B. WHITE, sometimes known as OLIVER LEWIS WHITE, to OLIVER WHITE HILL. At that time, the birth of this individual was recorded and it reflected that the appointee was born on May 1, 1907, in Richmond, Virginia, to WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA WHITE at 1308 North First Street, Richmond.

[redacted] advised that her records reflect that on March 8, 1907, WILLIAM WHITE, JR., age twenty-one, occupation, printer, and OLIVIA LEWIS, age twenty, were married at Richmond, Virginia, and her mother was listed as NANNIE LEWIS and his parents were listed as WILLIAM and KATE WHITE. There was no minister's return on this marriage certificate and there was a notation to "see license". She advised this license would be at Hustings Court in Richmond. She also stated that she could not determine from the certificate whether the license was issued and used or whether it was possibly issued and not used. Both were listed as "colored".

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[redacted] advised that her records also reflected that on April 21, 1911, JOSEPH C. HILL, single, born Washington, D.C., parents JOSEPH C. and HARRIET HILL, employed as bellman, and OLIVIA LEWIS, divorced, born Richmond, Virginia, mother CAROLYN LEWIS, were married at Hot Springs, Bath County, Virginia. Both were listed as "colored", and no information appeared in the record as to where OLIVIA LEWIS obtained her divorce.

[redacted] advised that divorce records were not maintained at the Bureau of Vital Statistics until 1918.

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[redacted] Clerk, Hustings Court Clerk's Office, Richmond, Virginia, on December 29, 1960, advised that an order was entered on October 1, 1942, changing the name of CHARLES B.

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WHITE, son of WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA WHITE, whose maiden name was OLIVIA LEWIS, and commonly known as OLIVER LEWIS WHITE, to OLIVER WHITE HILL. WHITE, at the time he entered the petition, stated that during his early childhood, his mother divorced his father and subsequently married JOSEPH C. HILL, and at the time he entered public schools at Roanoke, Virginia, his name was given as OLIVER WHITE HILL, and he has always used that name up to the time of his petition.

[ ] also advised that he could not locate any record of a marriage license having been issued to WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA LEWIS in 1907. He stated that at that time, a marriage license would only be issued to a female in the county of her legal residence prior to marriage and in this connection, if OLIVIA LEWIS was from outside the City of Richmond, she would have been able to obtain a marriage license in the city.

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[ ] also advised that he could locate no divorce record for WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA LEWIS.

AT HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA

On December 30, 1960, [ ] Personnel Director, The Homestead, advised that her records do not go back further than 1937. Her available records failed to reflect the names of JOSEPH C. HILL or OLIVIA LEWIS HILL.

AT WARM SPRINGS, VIRGINIA

On December 30, 1960, records of the Clerk's Office, Bath County, Virginia, Court, were reviewed and it was determined from Marriage Register Number 4, page 443, that JOSEPH C. HILL, age 29, born in Washington, D. C., single and employed as a Bellman, Homestead Hotel and OLIVIA LEWIS, age 22, born Richmond, Virginia, divorced, date or place not shown, were married on April 24, 1911. The marriage was performed at the residence of Mr. MILES, Hot Springs, Virginia, by A. HILL. The marriage license was issued on April 22, 1911, and was returned April 24, 1911.

On December 30, 1960, the index of Chancery Orders, Clerk's Office, Bath County, Virginia, were reviewed but no record of a divorce proceeding between WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA LEWIS WHITE could be located.

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On December 30, 1960, [redacted] Clerk, Bath County, Virginia, Court, advised that the names of A. HILL and Mr. MILES were not familiar to her.

On December 30, 1960, Mr. A. McMULLEN, Postmaster, Hot Springs, Virginia, advised that he has been a resident of Hot Springs for 45 years and the names A. HILL and MILES were not familiar to him. His current records failed to reflect these names.

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On December 30, 1960, [redacted] Funeral Director, Hot Springs, Virginia, advised that A. HILL had been a Negro Baptist Minister at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Warm Springs, Virginia, but had died a number of years ago. [redacted] did not know of anyone by the name of MILES.

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Records of the Clerk's Office, Municipal Building were checked on December 29, 1960, and they did not reflect a divorce of WILLIAM WHITE, JR., and OLIVIA LEWIS WHITE.



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EMPLOYMENT

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

JOSEPH GOOD FULLER, Superintendent of Service, Ponce De Leon Hotel, informed on December 29, 1960, that he and OLIVER W. HILL were raised as boys together in Roanoke, Virginia. He related that HILL had worked during the summers waiting on tables at the Roanoke Country Club, Roanoke, Virginia, and he considered him extremely reliable, loyal, trustworthy and honest.

✓ FULLER said HILL was raised by Mr. and Mrs. BRADFORD S. PENTECOST, 401 Gilmer Avenue, NW, Roanoke, Virginia, but he did not know if he was related to PENTECOST or merely taken from his mother by them to raise. FULLER stated that HILL attended Harrison High School while in Roanoke, Virginia, and when he departed from Roanoke, Virginia, he continued his education in Washington, D. C.

FULLER related that HILL returned to Roanoke, Virginia, and practiced law for a short time in the middle of the 1930's but he did not know why he did not remain in Roanoke.

HARRY B. YEATES, City Auditor, City of Roanoke, Virginia, and Secretary-Treasurer, Roanoke Country Club, Roanoke, Virginia, informed on December 30, 1960, the Roanoke Country Club did not have any employment records that would reflect the employment of HILL at the Country Club. He stated that he did not recall HILL as having worked at the Club and would not know anyone that would remember him as having been an employee of the Club.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

NEIGHBORHOOD

On December 30, 1960, [redacted] 105 Overbrook Road, Richmond, Virginia, advised that the appointee and his wife and [redacted] live at 107 Overbrook Road and have lived there for the past eleven years. [redacted] said that the appointee's sister-in-law EVELYN SHADE, also lives there. She said that the appointee is well known in civic circles and has a reputation for being a man of fine moral character and is active in church affairs. She said that she has known the applicant long before he moved into his present address and that she believes she has known him for about twenty to twenty-five years.

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[redacted] said there is no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to this country and that he lives a very quiet and respected life in the neighborhood. She said that she would recommend him highly for any position.

On December 30, 1960, [redacted] [redacted] stated that she has known the appointee for fourteen years. She said that he maintains a very fine reputation in the community, is a regular church goer and is active in church affairs. She said that all of his friends and close associates as far as she knows are also people of good reputation and standing in the community. She said that from her knowledge of Mr. HILL, she believes him to be very trustworthy, loyal and honest and that she would recommend him for a position with the government.

[redacted] advised on December 30, 1960, that she has known HILL for about twenty years. She said that he is a kind and neighborly man and has the reputation of being very devoted to his family. She said he is active in church affairs, has a fine moral character and is completely loyal to this country.

She said he has very good habits as far as she knows and that never in the years that she has known him, has she heard any indication that he has engaged in anything except the highest type moral existence. She said that she would certainly recommend Mr. HILL for a position with the government and would have no reservations whatsoever about recommending him.

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On December 29, 1960, the Hill's City Directory for Roanoke, Virginia, was reviewed and reflected that OLIVER W. HILL was listed in the 1935 and 1936 City Directories. His office address was given as 40 Center Avenue N.W. and home address as 401 Gilmer Avenue N.W., Roanoke, Virginia. His marital status was reflected as single and his occupation as that of an attorney. There was no listing for HILL in the 1934 or 1937 Hill's City Directories.

The 1935 and 1936 directories listed BRADFORD S. PENTECOST and wife LELIA E. PENTECOST as residing at 401 Gilmer Avenue N.W., Roanoke, Virginia.

✓ Reverend A. L. JAMES, 923 Staunton Avenue N.W., informed on December 29, 1960, that he recalled OLIVER W. HILL. He said that he baptised HILL in his church and had known him ever since he came to live with BRADFORD S. PENTECOST and his wife. He stated that he did not know if HILL was related to PENTECOST, but he always called them Aunt and Uncle and for that reason he assumed they were related. Reverend JAMES said that he believed the mother of HILL was the sister of Mrs. PENTECOST, however, he had nothing specific upon which to base this belief.

Reverend JAMES advised that HILL had gone to grade school and possibly part of High School while in Roanoke, Virginia, and then went to Washington, D. C., with his mother and finished High School and attended Howard University where he secured his degree in law. JAMES stated that HILL returned to Roanoke, Virginia, for a short time and practiced law and to the best of his recollection he was urged to leave Roanoke, Virginia, for a larger town where the opportunities would be better. He stated that he believed this was the reason for HILL leaving Roanoke, Virginia.

Reverend JAMES informed that he considered HILL honest, reliable, loyal, trustworthy and of excellent moral character.

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JAMES C. TOLES, 2015 Mercer Avenue N.W., stated on December 30, 1960, that he and HILL attended Harrison High School, Roanoke, Virginia, together. He informed that he graduated in the first four year high school class in 1924 and HILL was a year or two behind him at that school. He said that HILL, to the best of his knowledge, did not graduate from Harrison, but transferred to Washington, D. C., and attended Dunbar High School in Washington, D. C., and then Howard University.

✓ TOLES informed that Mr. and Mrs. BRADFORD S. PENTECOST, 401 Gilmer Avenue, N.W., Roanoke, Virginia, had raised HILL from a small child. He stated that he believed HILL's mother was residing in Washington, D. C., during this period of time. TOLES related that as he recalled, HILL had worked at the Roanoke Country Club, Roanoke, Virginia, waiting on tables, during the time he was attending school in Roanoke, Virginia.

TOLES related that he considered HILL extremely reliable, loyal, trustworthy, honest and of excellent moral character.

TOLES stated that HILL had come back to Roanoke, during the middle 1930's to practice law but had not felt Roanoke was a satisfactory city for the practice of law and left in order to better himself.

✓ CHARLES W. POINDEXTER, 404 Gilmer Avenue N.W., related on December 30, 1960, that he had known HILL since he was a small child and began to live with BRADFORD S. PENTECOST and his wife LELIA at 401 Gilmer Avenue N.W. He stated that HILL was raised by the PENTECOSTs as their own child and attended school in Roanoke, Virginia. He informed that HILL's mother went to live in the vicinity of Covington or Hot Springs, Virginia, after she left HILL with the PENTECOSTs and he did not know what she did for a living.

POINDEXTER informed that HILL remained with the PENTECOSTs until he was in High School or had graduated from High School and then went to Washington, D. C., where his mother was living at that time. While in Washington, D. C., he attended Howard University and obtained his Law Degree. He stated that he could not recall HILL having practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia, but considered him honest, reliable, loyal, trustworthy and of excellent moral character.

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POINDEXTER informed that he did not know if the PENTECOSTS were related to HILL or whether Mrs. PENTECOST was a close friend of HILL's mother and this was the reason that he was left with the PENTECOSTS as a small child.

RUFUS EDWARDS, 415 Gilmer Avenue N.W., related on December 30, 1960, that he was acquainted with HILL and recalled when as a small child he was taken by Mr. and Mrs. BRADFORD S. PENTECOST, 401 Gilmer Avenue N.W., Roanoke, Virginia, to raise. He informed that he did not know if HILL was related to the PENTECOSTS but was actually under the impression that Mrs. PENTECOST and HILL's mother were close friends.

EDWARDS stated that HILL remained in Roanoke, Virginia, until he was in High School and then went to Washington, D. C., with his mother. He informed that after he graduated from Howard University and obtained his law degree he returned to Roanoke and practiced law for a short period of time and then left. He said that he imagined that HILL left Roanoke in an effort to better himself, but did not know the purpose of his departure. He said HILL was honest, reliable, trustworthy, dependable, loyal and of excellent moral character.

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ASSOCIATES

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A. S. HARRISON, JR., Attorney General for the State of Virginia, advised on December 29, 1960, that he has only known the appointee for the past three or four years, during which time he has always opposed the appointee in court over the "Racial Question", inasmuch as the appointee is counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (NAACP). He stated that in this connection, the appointee has been a great crusader for his race and he has admired him for this. He stated he has always found the appointee to be highly ethical and one whose integrity could not be questioned. He considers the appointee to be an attorney of average ability, and in his opinion, truly loyal to the United States.

Mr. HARRISON stated that the appointee has always been "above board" in his dealings and he, Mr. HARRISON, can truly rely on the appointee's word. Mr. HARRISON stated he knew nothing of the appointee's background prior to the last three or four years or of the appointee's family. He stated that he trusts the appointee and would recommend him for any position of trust or confidence.

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T. GRAY HADDON, Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Richmond, advised on December 29, 1960, that he has known the appointee for approximately fifteen years and that the appointee has appeared against him in court in Richmond on numerous occasions. He stated that the appointee is very capable as an attorney and one who is entirely ethical in his dealings before the court.

He stated that he could not question the integrity or loyalty of the appointee and would highly recommend him as to his honesty and therefore would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

He stated that he knew nothing concerning the appointee's family; however, he has never heard of the appointee having had any domestic difficulties.

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Mr. MARTIN A. MARTIN, 118 East Leigh Street, Richmond, Virginia, an attorney, advised on December 29, 1960, that he first met the appointee when they were both students at Howard University at Washington, D.C. Mr. MARTIN said that in 1945, he and the appointee and Mr. SPOTSWOOD ROBINSON, III, formed a legal firm in the City of Richmond. Mr. ROBINSON retired approximately five years ago from the active practice of law and MARTIN and HILL continued as partners until November 30, 1960. At that time, the partnership was dissolved, principally because of reasons of office space and availability of libraries.

Mr. MARTIN said that after HILL graduated from law school in Washington, he returned to Roanoke, Virginia, and practiced there for a few years and then went back to Washington where he worked as a waiter in both the Senate and the House Restaurants and in Harvey's Restaurant. While there, he married GERESINA WALKER of Washington, a school teacher. MARTIN said that HILL returned to Richmond in 1938 and he and HILL were associated in many cases together.

He said that Mrs. HILL presently teaches at the Baker Street School in Richmond. He said that it is his understanding that the appointee's mother divorced her first husband, who was the appointee's father, when HILL was only a few years of age and that she subsequently married JOSEPH C. HILL, who was a porter or waiter on the railroad. She said that Mr. HILL, SR., died in May, 1959, and that the appointee's mother continues to live in Washington.

MARTIN said that HILL is an only child and that he and his wife have [redacted] and they reside at 107 Overbrook Road, Richmond. The appointee's sister-in-law, EVELYN SHADE, Mrs. HILL's sister, resides with the appointee and his family. He said that the appointee's wife has two brothers, ARMSTEAD L. WALKER, residing at 1240 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D.C., and SAMUEL S. WALKER, residing at 1312 70th Avenue, Huntsville, Maryland. Mr. MARTIN said the appointee has no other relatives.

Mr. MARTIN said that as a lawyer, he considered the appointee of the highest type as far as his ability, ethics, moral character, loyalty and honesty are concerned. He said

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that from his intimate knowledge of HILL, he is sure that he could discharge the duties of any position to which he might be entrusted and said that he would personally recommend him very highly.

On December 29, 1960, Mr. W. STIRLING KING, Richmond, Virginia, an attorney, advised that he was elected to the City Council of Richmond in November, 1947, and took office on January 1, 1948. Mr. KING said that at that time the City Government of Richmond had just changed from the old "Strong Mayor" type of government to the City Manager type of government. Mr. KING was the member of Council who was chosen by the Council to be Mayor under the new form of government.

He stated that at this same election, OLIVER HILL was also elected to Council and that he was the first member of his race ever to be elected to the Richmond City Council. He stated that HILL made an excellent councilman, that he handled all matters coming before him without regard to a person's race, or beliefs and that he was very respected for his work on Council. He said that HILL ran for re-election in 1949 and was defeated in a very close election.

Mr. KING said that he received fewer votes from his own race than he did from the other majority race in the City of Richmond.

Mr. KING said that he considered the appointee to be a very high type lawyer, generally respected in the community, and that he enjoys a good reputation as to character, integrity, and loyalty. He concluded by stating that the appointee in his court appearances, always conducts himself in a very admirable manner.

On December 29, 1960, Mr. J. EDWARD LAWLER, former Special Agent in Charge of the Richmond Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and a former City Councilman in Richmond, advised that he has known the appointee for about ten



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years. He said that Mr. HILL was counsel in Virginia for the NAACP and was one of the leading lawyers in the Prince Edward School Case which resulted in the so-called Brown Decision dealing with the integration of public schools.

Mr. LAWLER advised that the appointee is a very pleasant and likeable man and a capable lawyer. He said that HILL is a man who was very determined in his efforts in such matters as equal rights and at all times has acted in an ethical manner as far as he, Mr. LAWLER, knows.

Mr. LAWLER added that he has had many dealings with the appointee and has always found him to be a man whose word is very good and reliable and that his loyalty to the United States is beyond question. He said that HILL is personally of a retiring nature and that he was one of the leading supporters in the City of Richmond for President-elect JOHN F. KENNEDY during the recent presidential election.

✓ [redacted] an attorney in Richmond, Virginia, advised on December 29, 1960, that he is very well acquainted with the appointee and has known him for several years. He said he considers HILL to be a capable lawyer and a man of high ethical practices. He said that in recent years, the appointee has developed certain prejudices against him by some of the people of Richmond because of the appointee's work with the NAACP. [redacted] said that the appointee is capable and would be able to adequately discharge the duties of most legal positions however, he felt that the appointee might be able to discharge his duties better outside the State of Virginia because of the prejudices which have developed against him in Virginia.

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✓ [redacted] Richmond, Virginia, attorney, advised on December 30, 1960, that he has been acquainted with the appointee for about ten or twelve years. He said that in 1956 the American Bar Association had a campaign to induce all lawyers to become members of the association and that he was in charge of the campaign in Richmond. He said that he induced the appointee to join the bar association and that he signed HILL's application and recommended him for admission.

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[ ] said that he feels that he knows the appointee quite well and has tried damage cases in court where the appointee was representing the other party and has always found HILL to be capable, ethical and very qualified in his work. He said that he believes HILL is very loyal to his country and that he enjoys a reputation for integrity and honesty.

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[redacted] Attorney, BREMNER, NEAL, HARRIS WILLIAMS, and BATTLE, Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia on December 29, 1960 advised that he has known the appointee for more than 15 years on a professional basis. This acquaintance resulted from legal work in the Richmond, Virginia area. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the appointee belongs to a law firm which represents the NAACP in the State of Virginia. [redacted] advised that he recommends the appointee as to character, reputation, loyalty to the United States Government, and as to his legal ability. He described the appointee as a real capable attorney, and has a great deal of respect for his ability and conduct in the general practice of law. He described the appointee as being an ethical lawyer in the practice of his profession. He knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee, and recommended him for a position of authority, trust, and confidence if the position is to be outside of the State of Virginia.

On December 29, 1960 [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, advised that he is acquainted with OLIVER W. HILL on the most casual basis. [redacted] has no social or professional contact with the appointee. [redacted] could not make any statement, on the basis of his personal knowledge, regarding the appointee's legal ability. [redacted] further stated that he knows of no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States. As to his character, reputation and associates, [redacted] preferred not to make any statement regarding the appointee on these subjects since he does not feel qualified to express any opinion.

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[redacted] on December 29, 1960 advised that he has known the appointee on a social and professional basis for the last 13 years. He stated that he is familiar with the appointee's legal ability inasmuch as the appointee has represented him in legal matters on at least two occasions.

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[redacted] advised that he would recommend the appointee as to his character, reputation, his associates, and as to his loyalty to the United States Government.

[redacted] advised that the appointee is married, his wife's maiden name is BERESINA WALKER, a graduate of Howard University and that they have a nine year old son. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised further that the appointee was born and raised in Richmond, educated at Howard University, and after practicing law for a short period of time in Roanoke, Virginia has maintained a practice of law in Richmond for a number of years, subsequent to his departure from Roanoke.

[redacted] advised further that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee or members of his family, and would recommend him for a position of authority, trust, and confidence in the United States Government.

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[redacted] Attorney, [redacted] [redacted] in December 29, 1960 advised that he has known the appointee for 16 years on a professional basis. He stated further that although he is of a race other than that of the appointee their association has been of an intimate nature. He recommended the appointee most highly as to his character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States Government. He stated that in regard to the appointee's legal ability, he described him as a competent constitutional lawyer. He stated further that the appointee has represented the NAACP in the school intergration matter, and politically speaking, he and the appointee are "miles apart".

[redacted] stated further that the appointee was the first member of his race to be elected to public office in the City of Richmond. [redacted] advised further that he, himself, has tried unsuccessfully to be an elected official in the City of Richmond and has campaigned on many occasions against the appointee. He stated further that he would describe the appointee as being "ultra conservative." He stated that by this term he meant that he is an individual who tries to serve all people and not just members of his own race.

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[redacted] advised that because of this the appointee has on occasion been described by people of his own race as "failing to serve their cause."

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[redacted] advised further that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and would recommend him for a position of authority, trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] Attorney, McGuire, Eggleston, Bococks, Woods, Mutual Building, Richmond, Virginia on December 29, 1960 advised that he has known of the appointee for a number of years as a leading member of the legal profession of his own race in the Richmond, Virginia area, and has been acquainted with his professional services in the proceedings of the Boardwright Committee.

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[redacted] advised that the official name of this committee was 'The Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice which was formed by the Virginia State Legislature

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[ ] advised that he was appointed the General Counsel for this committee and made available the report on this committee as filed with the Virginia State Assembly. This committee was formed on direction of the Virginia General Assembly for the purpose of determining whether various persons and organizations were engaged in activities subject to its jurisdiction and specifically whether any of them were engaging in illegal, unethical practices and activities. The report indicates that OLIVER W. HILL was a witness before this committee because of his official connection with the NAACP.

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[ ] advised that the appointee testified on two occasions before the committee in 1956 and 1957. HILL was summoned to testify and he appeared before the committee on both occasions.

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This committee in its findings stated that among others OLIVER W. HILL has committed the Common Law Offense of Barratry as head of the NAACP and that HILL and others were also guilty of the offense of unprofessional conduct. [ ] explained that all of these charges against HILL were as result of his legal work for the NAACP. He added that in January of 1958 the report of the Boardwright Committee was adopted by the Virginia General Assembly and that a resolution was also adopted by the Assembly referring the findings to the Virginia State Bar. [ ] stated there is presently an application for an injunction against the NAACP to desist in illegal practices, but the injunction has not officially been obtained to date. [ ] added that if an injunction is eventually obtained and the injunction should later be violated by OLIVER HILL or others, the Virginia State Bar would take disciplinary action against HILL and others who might violate the injunction.

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[ ] advised that he has had no reason to question the appointee's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty to the United States Government. In regard to the appointee's legal ability, [ ] advised that on the basis of his personal observation of him in numerous legal proceedings he would describe [ ] He stated that [ ]

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On December 29, 1960, Honorable J. VAUGHAN GARY, United States Congressman for the State of Virginia, informed that OLIVER W. HILL is an attorney in Richmond, Virginia, who has been involved in all the segregation cases in the State of Virginia for the past few years. He noted that, because of his activities in this respect, he is not in the good graces of the majority of the people in the State. He explained that HILL is an able attorney; is honest and forthright; and is, to his knowledge, a loyal American citizen. However, he commented that it would be a grave error to appoint HILL to any Federal position in Richmond or in the State of Virginia in view of the animosity against him in this area. He felt that HILL would function well in a position of trust in the North or East, but would not have the necessary cooperation in the South to do a creditable job.

Mr. GARY added that HILL was the first member of his race to be elected to public office in Richmond, Virginia, since reconstruction days and that he was supported by both major races in his election campaign because it was felt that he was a reliable, honest and able individual. He said HILL did a good job as a member of City Council and handled the duties of his office without prejudice.

Mr. GARY commented further that HILL is probably the ablest attorney of his race in this area and is a person of excellent character. He mentioned that HILL could not be elected to any public office in this area in view of the antagonism he has engendered in connection with his strong stand on racial integration. He pointed out that he felt HILL was sincere in his activity to help the members of his race but that the people in this area feel that he has not handled the situation with tact and diplomacy.

Mr. GARY ascertained that HILL's rating in the Martindale Hubbell Directory is BV. He explained that attorneys are rated by this Directory as ABC with respect to ability and V and G with respect to character. He said that HILL is given the highest rating on character and next to the highest with regard to ability.

Mr. GARY said he had never received any information indicating that HILL might be associated with any questionable organizations.

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[redacted] Attorney, Colonial American National Bank Building, related on December 29, 1960, that he could not recall HILL as practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia.

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[redacted] United States Commissioner and Attorney, Shenandoah Life Building, informed on December 29, 1960, that he could not recall HILL as practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia.

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C. E. CUDDY, Commonwealth Attorney, City of Roanoke, Virginia, Municipal Building, informed on December 29, 1960, that he recalled OLIVER W. HILL as a practicing Attorney in Roanoke, Virginia. CUDDY stated that in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1937, he was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, City of Roanoke, Virginia, under ROBERT S. SMITH, Commonwealth Attorney. He related that HILL practiced some criminal law in Hustings Court and he did not appear to possess any ability as an attorney. He informed that during the latter part of HILL's time in Roanoke, Virginia, which was approximately 1936, that someone, identity of whom he did not know, came to the office of SMITH and complained about the conduct of HILL. He informed the complaint related to an attorney-client relationship and he vaguely recalled it had something to do with funds taken by HILL from his client, but did not know the client's name.

CUDDY stated it was discussed as to whether criminal action should be taken against HILL or the matter turned over to the Bar Association for disbarment proceedings, but HILL left Roanoke shortly thereafter and no action or record was ever made of the incident. He informed that he could not recall the identity of anyone that might have knowledge of the incident, since ROBERT SMITH is dead.

Mr. CUDDY related that he had not taken too much of an interest in the matter since he intended leaving the office within the following two months.

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WILBUR AUSTIN, Traffic Court Judge, Municipal Building, stated on December 29, 1960, that he recalls HILL as practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia, but could not recall anything specific about his practice. He stated that HILL remained in Roanoke for approximately one and one-half or two years and departed. He said he had no idea as to why HILL left Roanoke and to his knowledge he was honest, reliable, loyal, trustworthy and of good moral character.

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✓ RICHARD T. EDWARDS, Attorney, Colonial-American National Bank Building stated on December 29, 1960, he recalled HILL as practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia, for a short period of time in the 1930's. He informed that he was not impressed by HILL's ability and it was his impression that he departed Roanoke because he could not make a living practicing law in Roanoke, Virginia. EDWARDS advised that he had purchased several law books from HILL at the time of his departure from Roanoke. He said, that to his knowledge, HILL was honest, reliable, loyal and trustworthy.

[REDACTED] Attorney, Shenandoah Building, stated on December 29, 1960, he could not recall HILL as having practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia.

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LENA C. MILLS, Deputy Clerk of Court, Municipal Building, informed on December 29, 1960, that HILL had not engaged in much practice in law in Roanoke, Virginia, or she would have remembered him as having been in Roanoke.

✓ JOHN STRICKLER, United States Attorney, Western District of Virginia, stated on December 29, 1960, he recalled HILL as having practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. STRICKLER related that when HILL departed from Roanoke, Virginia, he did not have a very good reputation. He said that his departure from Roanoke was vague in his mind, but he believed there was some question about HILL having taken money that belonged to a client.

Mr. STRICKLER stated, that to his knowledge, no action was taken against HILL before the Bar Association or in Court in regard to the taking of the funds and he had no idea as to who could furnish more specific information regarding the incident.

AT VINTON, VIRGINIA

THOMAS M. DARNALL, Attorney, former Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, City of Roanoke, Virginia, 118 Lee Street, East, advised on December 30, 1960, that he was not in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1934 - 1937 period, but was employed as an attorney in the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and for that reason was not acquainted with HILL.



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[REDACTED] Attorney and Virginia State Senator, related on December 30, 1960, that he could not recall HILL as having practiced law in the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

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[REDACTED] Attorney, Boxley Building and STANFORD L. FELLERS, Judge, Law and Equity Court, City of Roanoke, Virginia, each stated on December 30, 1960, they could not recall HILL as having practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia.

✓ EARL A. FITZPATRICK, Attorney, State and City Building, former Virginia State Senator, stated on December 29, 1960, he recalled HILL practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia, during the middle of the 1930's. He informed that HILL became involved in some type of dishonesty in connection with Attorney - Client relationship.

FITZPATRICK informed there was some talk in disbaring HILL, but nothing of that nature was ever initiated and HILL departed from Roanoke, Virginia. FITZPATRICK said that he had tried for a long time to recall the details of the matter in which HILL became involved, but had not been able to recall the details or the identity of any individual that would recall what had transpired. He advised that while he was on the Boatwright Committee for the Virginia State Legislature he would have asked HILL about the incident, if he had been able to reconstruct it in sufficient details to justify his questioning HILL about the matter. He did not know who the client was.

✓ Major FRANK WEBB, Superintendent of Police, Roanoke Police Department and Lieutenant F. S. COPENHAVER, Roanoke Police Department, each related on December 30, 1960, they recalled that HILL had practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia, but were unable to recall any of the details regarding his activities in Roanoke or the reason for his departure.

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BAR MEMBERSHIP

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On December 29, 1960, [REDACTED] Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia State Bar, advised that his records show that OLIVER W. HILL, born May 1, 1907, was admitted to practice law in the State of Virginia, September 28, 1934. [REDACTED] said that HILL is a member in good standing, and that there is no record in the files of the Grievance Committee of the Virginia State Bar concerning the appointee.

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AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The records of the Clerk's Office, Hustings Court, Municipal Building, were examined on December 29, 1960, and reflect in Volume 68, Page 463 of the Common Law Order Book that OLIVER W. HILL was admitted to the practice of law in Hustings Court, City of Roanoke, Virginia, on September 29, 1934.

NEWSPAPER MORGUE

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On January 3, 1961, the files of the Richmond Newspapers, Inc., were reviewed and numerous articles pertaining to the appointee's public activities were found. These articles were reviewed and nothing of an unfavorable nature or anything of value to this investigation was found.

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In July of 1956, RH T-1 made available certain documents found in the home of [ ]

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Among these documents were various lists of names and addresses. Some of the lists contained headings such as "Philip Morris Workers", "NAACP Leaders", "Negro Leaders", "Labor Leaders" and "Tobacco Workers". ~~X~~ U

On one of the above lists which bore no heading, the name "Mr. OLIVER HILL, 107 Overbrook Rd." appeared; and on another list headed "Negro Leaders - Jan. 1956", the name "Mr. OLIVER HILL, 107 Overbrook Rd., Lawyer-NAACP" appeared. ~~X~~ U

During the course of the current investigation, the appointee's law partner, MARTIN A. MARTIN, advised that OLIVER W. HILL has resided at 107 Overbrook Road, Richmond, Virginia, in excess of ten years.

The informant did not know the origin or significance of the above lists of names and he is not available for re-contact. ~~X~~ U

In 1956, and on several occasions since that time, RH T-2, who is aware of some of the activities and some of the members of the Communist Party (CP) in the State of Virginia, has informed that the above lists were compiled by [ ] from educational publications, telephone directories, newspaper articles and other public source material. This informant has also stated that these lists were meant to include businessmen, educators, government workers, clergymen, labor leaders and other prominent individuals and were compiled without the consent or knowledge of the persons whose names appeared on the lists. This informant emphasized that the appearance of a person's name on the above lists of names has no significance whatsoever and should not be considered as such in any manner. ~~X~~ U

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RH T-2 has advised that [ ] has been an official of the CP in Richmond, Virginia, since the early 1940's; that in 1956, she was [ ] Communist Party in the State of Virginia; and that she was later a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. ~~X~~ U

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This informant has advised that [ ] is also an official of the CP in Richmond, Virginia. ~~X~~ U

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The Communist Party, U.S.A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On July 31, 1950, RH T-2 advised that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights (RCCR) held a picnic at Camp Hilbert, Richmond, Virginia, on July 23, 1950. This picnic was attended by almost sixty persons and among those present were OLIVER W. HILL and Mrs. OLIVER W. HILL. The informant added that the Stockholm Peace Petition was circulated at this picnic and was signed by OLIVER W. HILL. ~~S~~ U

RH T-2 reported in 1949 that a RCCR meeting was held in Richmond, Virginia, on April 22, 1949. He said that a suggestion was made at this meeting that the RCCR affiliate itself with other organizations on an issue of interest to the RCCR. One such organization mentioned at the meeting was the Communist Party. According to the informant, some members warned against "being used" by other organizations and it was decided that the RCCR would cooperate with other "progressive groups" in time of need on the matter of civil rights. He said that the RCCR is an adjunct of the Virginia Committee for Civil Rights (VCCR) and explained that the RCCR and the VCCR, to his knowledge, were reputable groups that had no affiliation with the CP or any other subversive organizations. ~~S~~ U

On May 18, 1955, this informant advised that the RCCR was no longer in existence. ~~S~~ U

According to a circular published by the RCCR, this organization was formed in 1948 to oppose segregation and discrimination in Virginia in accordance with the President's Civil Rights Program.

The Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, report number 378, on April 25, 1951, cited the World Peace Appeal, also known as Stockholm Peace Petition, as follows:

"The Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress met \*\*\* in Stockholm, Sweden, between March 15 and 19, 1950.\*\*\* to launch the boldest and most far-reaching maneuver of the whole Communist peace movement--the world-wide circulation of 'peace' petitions\*\*\*

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"The launching of the world-wide drive for signatures to a so-called World Peace Appeal \*\*\* is the \*\*\* most extensive piece of psychological warfare ever conducted by any organization on a world scale\*\*\* The World Peace Appeal was launched 3 months before the outbreak of Communist armed aggression against South Korea. Obviously the appeal was intended as a smoke screen for such aggression."

On May 1, 1950, RH T-2 advised that the "Hill Election" Campaign was on the agenda of a CP membership meeting held at 3605 Meadowbridge Road, Richmond, Virginia, on April 17, 1950. At this meeting, [redacted] CP in Richmond, stated that ways must be found to influence a real drive for OLIVER HILL in the next six weeks. She declared that the CP must influence all groups possible to work for the support of HILL among members of other races besides his own. It is noted that OLIVER HILL was a candidate for Councilman in the City of Richmond. *at the time* ~~U~~

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On April 4, 1960, RH T-3, a representative of another Federal Government agency which conducts personnel and security-type investigations, informed that he had received the following information from a source whose identity he did not desire to reveal and whose reliability he did not furnish: ~~X~~ U

The source reported that she has a nine year old girl attending Carver School in Richmond, Virginia, and that considerable pressure had been brought to bear upon her directly and also indirectly through her daughter by teachers and leaders of her race in Richmond insisting that she join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The source reportedly refused to join the NAACP. ~~X~~ U

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The source further stated that for some time OLIVER W. HILL had appeared at the Carver school each Monday morning at which time he had talked to the students. The source said the general tenor of HILL's talks to the students "is a hate program directed toward the white race and a fanatical adherence to the aims of the NAACP." The source also reported that there was a widespread rumor among the people of her race in Richmond to the effect that OLIVER W. HILL and other members of the NAACP were requiring individuals to sign over their homes and other property in their wills to the NAACP. It was of concern to the source that the school system of Richmond was being used to advocate such open hatred for the white race. ~~X~~ U

On December 30, 1960, T-3 identified his source as

[redacted] was contacted on that date and she advised that she knows OLIVER HILL only by reputation as a Richmond lawyer and has never had any contact with HILL. She said that no one has ever tried to induce her to join the NAACP and she could not suggest anyone whom HILL or anyone else had ever prevailed upon to join the NAACP. She said that HILL may have addressed the Parent-Teachers Organization of the Carver School at one time or another, however, she was never at any meeting that HILL addressed. She said that she has no knowledge of HILL appearing at Carver School on Monday mornings or any other morning and speaking to the students and that she has never heard of HILL or anyone else requiring individuals to sign over their homes or any other property in their wills to the NAACP. ~~X~~ U

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In January, 1943, RH T-4, who was aware of some of the activities of the CP, as well as the identities of some of its members, advised in January, 1943, that OLIVER HILL, N.A.A.C.P. Attorney, was a speaker at the organization meeting of the Richmond Civic Council held on January 1, 1943, at Richmond, Virginia. According to the informant, HILL did not follow the "usual harangue on the race question", but gave a fine talk on the life of THADDEUS STEVENS, and named him as the most potent force behind the emancipation of the Negroes.

RH T-4 added that this meeting was dominated by ministers. He said, in his opinion, the Richmond Civic Council was formed by the N.A.A.C.P. as an instrument behind which they could operate to further their own program of saving the Negro race.

On May 11, 1944, this informant stated that the activities of the Richmond Civic Council were negligible and that its post-war planning committee had not functioned for over a year.

RH T-4 is not available for recontact inasmuch as he is deceased. [redacted] ~~U~~

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RH T-5, who was aware of some of the activities of the CP in the State of Virginia in 1946, advised on January 22, 1946, that [redacted] of Richmond contacted [redacted] publicly known as chairman of the CP in Virginia, and discussed the \$500 legal fee. [redacted] mentioned that as long as the legal work was supervised by OLIVER HILL, it should be all right. ~~U~~

On July 31, 1947, RH T-6, who was aware of some of the activities of the CP in the State of Virginia during this period, informed that on that date, [redacted] CP members in Richmond, were discussing the political campaign of OLIVER HILL. The informant stated that [redacted] made the comment that the CP was going to support HILL first and another candidate second in the election for the Virginia House of Delegates. ~~U~~

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On February 21, 1955, RH T-2, advised that a State Executive Committee meeting of the CP in Richmond, Virginia, was held on February 14, 1955. He said at the meeting [redacted] said she had discussed the election campaign of OLIVER HILL with a "Unionist". She asked the "Unionist" what he thought about HILL coming out for labor's interest in order to get votes from people not of his own race. She said there was a certain ~~U~~

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amount of prejudice against HILL since the Supreme Court's decision on segregation and that "we" feel if HILL will come out on a real fighting labor program for unions in both of the major races it will act as a counter-balance against such prejudice against him on the segregation issue. ~~X~~ U

On April 4, 1955, RH T-2 advised that the CP discussed OLIVER HILL as a candidate in the Virginia State election at a meeting of the Richmond branch of the CP on April 30, 1955. At this time the CP decided that HILL must be forced to come out on a pro-labor program if he expected to have a chance. ~~X~~ U

On July 28, 1955, RH T-2 informed that a discussion was held concerning the elections in Richmond, Virginia, at a CP meeting on July 21, 1955. He said the CP group considered that OLIVER HILL could have made a much better showing in his race for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates if he had come out on a fighting labor program as advocated by the CP. ~~X~~ U

On September 24, 1956, RH T-2 reported that a business meeting of the Richmond branch of the CP was held September 18, 1956. At this meeting, [ ] reported on the special session of the Virginia Legislature. She reported that she and her husband had attended the public hearing on the Stanley School Bill. It was brought out in the public hearing that the Virginia State Legislators had received some leaflets from the CP with respect to segregation in the public schools. The informant reported that OLIVER HILL, who was present at the public hearing, was asked if he agreed "with them", meaning the CP. RH T-2 added that [ ] said HILL replied that he agreed with the Communists to the extent that he believed in integration, but that he did not go along with them in other respects. The informant added that HILL made the statement at this hearing that he had constantly fought any efforts the CP may have made to gain influence in the N.A.A.C.P. ~~X~~ U

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On April 29, 1957, RH T-2 advised that [ ] reported to the CP meeting held in Richmond on April 27, 1957, that she and her husband had been to visit OLIVER HILL in connection with the Pupil Placement Plan of the State of Virginia. The informant said [ ] stated that HILL did not think it would be a good idea for the [ ]

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[ ] She further mentioned that HILL felt the [ ] because of their leanings "to the left." RH T-2 added that according to [ ] HILL had wondered what had happened to "them" and that the people of his race were still ready to work along with people of other races on their problems. ~~X~~ U

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The "Richmond Times Dispatch" a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, in its issue dated February 22, 1946, carried an article which stated that the Virginia Committee for Constitutional Rights had announced that they would appeal the FREDDIE WILLIAMS Case to the Virginia Court of Appeals. It was reported that the Committee had retained OLIVER W. HILL and THOMAS H. STONE as Associate Counsel. It is noted that FREDDIE WILLIAMS was a 14 year old Richmond boy who was tried in Richmond, Virginia, on December 19, 1945, on one count of attempted robbery and two counts of robbery and was sentenced to a term of 54 years in the penitentiary.

Concerning [redacted] on January 15, 1954, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, furnished a signed statement advising he was a member of the Communist Party, Revolutionary Workers League and Socialist Workers Party during the 1930s, 1940s and finally dropping out of these movements in approximately 1950. [redacted] advised that during 1938, 1939, the RWL recruited [redacted] of Richmond, who had been one of the early Communists in Richmond and had been expelled from the Communist Party in the middle 1930s. [redacted] added that [redacted] existed as an independent radical for many years and studied every group and finally contacted the RWL.

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Both the Revolutionary Workers League and the Socialist Workers Party have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On December 30, 1960 RH T-2 advised that he knew of no association between [redacted] and HILL. ~~S~~ U

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RH T-5 and RH T-6, whose comments are mentioned previously in this report, are not available for recontact at this time. ~~S~~ U

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\* On December 30, 1960, RH T-2 informed that OLIVER W. HILL is known to him as a prominent attorney in the City of Richmond who has been very active in connection with public school and other desegregation cases. He noted that HILL is a member of the NAACP legal staff and was a member of the Richmond City Council a few years ago. ~~X~~ U

\* He recalled that HILL has on numerous occasions been discussed at meetings of the Virginia State Communist Party. He remembered that the CP leaders in Virginia sought to aid in HILL's campaign for Richmond City Council and that HILL accepted their help as individuals but not as representatives of the CP. He pointed out that to his knowledge, HILL has never been a member of, or associated with, the CP or any organizations or groups controlled by the CP. As a matter of fact, he mentioned that both [redacted] of the CP in the State of Virginia in the 1940's, and [redacted] have attempted to influence HILL on occasion; however, he has, in effect, told them that he and his organization, the N.A.A.C.P., do not want to have anything to do with the CP. ~~X~~ U

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RH T-2 added that he would, on the basis of his knowledge concerning OLIVER W. HILL, recommend him as honest, forthright, able and courageous, and as a loyal American citizen. ~~X~~ U

In addition, RH T-2 recalled a list of names prepared by [redacted] in 1956. This is the list referred to above as having been furnished by RH T-1. RH T-2 reiterated the explanation he has previously given with reference to these lists. He noted that OLIVER HILL's name was, in all probability, included on this list by [redacted] since he was a known leader of his race in this area. He again emphasized that this list had no significance. ~~X~~ U

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✓ On February 25, 1960, the "Richmond Times Dispatch", a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that more than 3,000 Negroes attended a meeting on the night of February 24, 1960, at the 5th Street Baptist Church, Richmond, to protest segregated lunch counters and the arrest of 34 demonstrators in Richmond on February 22, 1960. The article reported applauded approval of proposals to boycott Richmond stores which refused them service at eating facilities. The article noted that the Negroes signed up by the hundreds to join picket lines around the stores.

The article identified one of the speakers at the protest meeting as OLIVER W. HILL, Chief Negro Counsel in

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Virginia for the N.A.A.C.P., who suggested that the pickets should be spread beyond the stores. The article reported him as stating, "One of the things we ought to do tomorrow is to get a picket line against one of the most undemocratic institutions in Virginia, the General Assembly." The article continued that HILL urged those present to call upon the legislature to begin eliminating Virginia segregation laws.

The article stated that the crowd booed down an attempt from Dr. C. C. SCOTT, Pastor of the host church, when he attempted to change the course of the demonstration by suggesting, "Maybe we ought to detour a little" and explained, "If, by a little switch in our methods we can win more friends, I think we ought to shift our methods."

The article stated that before adjourning, the Negroes set up a fifteen-member steering committee to guide efforts towards strengthening their movement. Among those appointed to this committee was OLIVER W. HILL.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

CREDIT

On December 29, 1960, [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, Credit Bureau, advised that her files reflect that OLIVER W. HILL, his wife, VERESINA WALKER HILL, and his sister-in-law, EVELYN SHADE, all maintain excellent credit ratings. This file also reflects that Mrs. HILL is a teacher at the Baker Street School, Richmond, and Mr. HILL is an attorney in Richmond.

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AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

[REDACTED] Roanoke Merchants Association, stated on December 29, 1960, the records of her office contained no reference to BRADFORD S. PENTECOST, LELIA PENTECOST, OLIVIA HILL, JOSEPH C. HILL or OLIVER W. HILL.

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AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
ARREST

On December 29, 1960, Major JOHN M. WRIGHT (NA), Acting Chief of Police, Richmond, Virginia, advised that the files of the Richmond Police Department do not contain an arrest record for the appointee, his wife, or his sister-in-law, EVELYN SHADE. Major WRIGHT stated that he is slightly acquainted with the appointee and believes him to be a respected member of the legal profession in Richmond. He stated that nothing has come to his attention which would cast an unfavorable light on the reputation of the appointee or any member of his family.

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

[REDACTED] Records, Roanoke Police Department, advised on December 29, 1960, the records of her office contain no reference to BRADFORD S. PENTECOST, LELIA PENTECOST, OLIVIA HILL, JOSEPH C. HILL or OLIVER W. HILL.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Richmond, Virginia  
January 3, 1961

Re: OLIVER WHITE HILL

Confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN dated January 3, 1961, at Richmond, Virginia, concerning the captioned individual have furnished reliable information in the past.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized individuals or agencies.

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## REFERENCES:

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## INFORMANTS:

Informants who were contacted with negative results  
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of the SCEF sketch in the Appendix. ~~U~~

NO T-1 is  

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

OLIVER W. HILL, Richmond, Va., reported to have signed brief in behalf of Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), in HERMAN SWEATT case presented to U. S. Supreme Court. Attended Declaratory Conference on Civil Rights, Charlottesville, Va., 11/20/48, sponsored by SCEF; reported to have signed declaration issued by the group. Mr. HILL is unknown to informants in New Orleans area acquainted with some SCEF and Communist activities.

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## DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

An article appearing in Columns 4 and 5 of Page 11 in the "Louisiana Weekly", a newspaper published weekly at New Orleans on January 28, 1950, contained an article captioned "18 SOUTHERN LAWYERS FILE NEW BRIEF IN SWEATT CASE".

This article reads in part as follows:

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q "Eighteen Southern lawyers have signed a brief to be presented before the U. S. Supreme Court in support of a Negro law student suing for admission to the law school of the University of Texas, Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., of New Orleans, announced today.

"The brief, filed in behalf of the Educational Fund, attacks the principle of 'separate but equal' facilities in education as involved in the case of Herman Sweatt, who is challenging the right of the state of Texas to force him to attend a segregated Negro law school, Williams said. The case is scheduled to be heard January 30th."

The article stated that among those signing the brief was OLIVER W. HILL, Richmond, Virginia.

An article which appeared on January 16, 1950 in the "Times Picayune", a daily newspaper published at New Orleans, captioned "Lawyers Sign Brief to Support Negro", reads as follows:

"Eighteen Southern lawyers have signed a brief to be presented before the United States supreme court in support of a Negro law student suing for admission to the University of Texas law school, Aubrey Williams, president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., of New Orleans, announced Sunday.

"The brief attacks the principle of 'separate but equal' educational facilities and is filed in behalf of the fund. The case concerns Herman Sweatt, who is challenging the right of the state of Texas bar him from the University of Texas. The case is scheduled Jan. 30."

A sketch of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. has been placed in the Appendix to this report.

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New Orleans Confidential Informant T-1, who is well acquainted with activities of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) and the SCEF advised December 6, 1948 that on November 20, 1948, the SCEF sponsored a Declaratory Conference on Civil Rights at Madison Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. The meeting was under the chairmanship of AUBREY WILLIAMS, president of the SCEF.

The following declaration was adopted by this conference:

#### A DECLARATION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### (A)

"It is useful at any time to re-examine day-to-day practices in the light of professed beliefs. Such an examination seems especially appropriate today, because (a) Many fellow citizens, especially in our Southern States, are unashamedly advocating ideas contrary to American democracy; (b) Truth and justice are not bounded or divided by parallels of latitude - this is one country and one people, governed under one constitution; (c) A rapidly changing world requires a new analysis of the meaning of equality and freedom adequate for new conditions; (d) Finally, the United States today is bidding for world leadership. Practice at home of what we advocate abroad is the only road to effective leadership.

"With these ideas in mind, we, the undersigned citizens of the Southern States and of the United States, have taken a fresh look at our American heritage of freedom and equality for all, and how it works out in actual practice. We present here our findings and conclusions in all sincerity, hopeful that our efforts may stimulate others to undertake a similar discipline.

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"We still believe all men are created equal, and are endowed as men with certain rights which each must respect and guard to the other.

"We take these rights to include equality before the law, and freedom from any discrimination bolstered by law; a right to vote; freedom of expression; an unrestricted access to all institutions supported by taxes for the public welfare, schools and hospitals not excepted; equal pay for equal work, and equal opportunity to acquire abilities and to gain employment; freedom of movement and location, and the right to assemble in unsegregated groups.

"For many of our citizens enjoyment of these rights is abridged by laws and conventions contrary to justice, and to the aims and purposes of this republic. We recognize the habitual and cultivated prejudices upon which such discriminations are sustained; we recognize the need of protections in law, and in the enforcement of law, to these rights, in our day.

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"Looking back at the road we have travelled, we are gratified at what progress has been made. However, past achievements should serve as an incentive to greater progress and not as an excuse for our failure to meet present obligations.

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"This nation was founded with the declaration that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights.

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"We are proud that these words were given to the world by a Southerner.

"Closely associated with the idea of equality and the political democracy built upon it is another concept basic to American culture, the idea of the brotherhood of all mankind. It was given to us many centuries ago in the Hebrew-Christian tradition, -- 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'

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"We understand the historic conditions that gave rise to our present plight. However, those conditions long ago ceased to exist, although their effects endure.

"Discrimination inevitably means lower living standards for those who discriminate as well as for those who are victims of discrimination. Although the South is one of the richest regions in the United States, the average citizen in a Southern State has an income forty per cent lower than that of a citizen in a non-Southern state.

"Today we are bound by economic, political, and ethical demands to abolish segregation and discrimination against racial, religious, and national groups.

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"To bring American ideals and deeds into closer harmony, we offer the following proposals:

"I. FOR VOLUNTARY INDIVIDUAL ACTION: To speak out against discrimination when it is confronted in a particular case; to guard against prejudice in thought, word, and deed; to cultivate the habit of thinking of all persons as individuals, rather than as members of a group.

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"II. FOR VOLUNTARY GROUP ACTION: (By educational, religious, fraternal, labor, business, professional, civic, and other groups.) To inform and educate their members as to present inequities and injustices, and to secure their consent and approval of changes in constitutions, by-laws and practices needed to establish these rights.

"III. FOR LEGISLATION: (a.) Repeal of existing laws in violation of these principles, notably all laws that force public distinctions based on color, religion, or national origin.

(b.) Passage of new legislation at federal, State, and local levels to serve as a shield to the civil rights of the citizens, including the rights outlined above."

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NO T-1 further advised December 6, 1948 that the name of "OLIVER W. HILL, Attorney, Richmond" was included on a list of names purportedly to be the signers of the declaration adopted at the conference.

NO T-1 was re-contacted January 3, 1961, but advised she presently has no recollection or knowledge of the information previously furnished by her on December 6, 1948. She also advised that she does not know Mr. HILL and personally has no information in her possession concerning him. She had no information concerning the filing of the brief in the HERMAN SWEATT case.

Other New Orleans Confidential Informants acquainted with some Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. and Communist activities in the New Orleans area, advised on December 31, 1960, that they did not know Mr. HILL and had no information in their possession concerning him. They also advised that they had no information concerning the filing of the brief in the HERMAN SWEATT case.

## A P P E N D I X

### Organizations and/or Publications

The following organizations and/or publications which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

## A P P E N D I X

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

The CP - USA was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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January 3, 1961

OLIVER WHITE HILL, aka  
Charles B. White,  
Oliver Lewis White

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
J. WOODROW GILMORE dated January 3, 1961 at New Orleans.

NO T-1 has furnished reliable information in the  
past.



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THIRTYONE SIXTY. ON PAGE TWENTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS REPORT OF  
DAVID HANLIN BECKER DATED FEBRUARY ELEVEN, FORTYNINE, TITLED  
QUOTE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE, SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., IS DASH C END QUOTE, APPOINTEES NAME  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-87)

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA SPI. RE RICHMOND TELETYPE DECEMBER THIRTY LAST. MATTIE I. ECHOLS UNABLE TO RECALL DETAILS OF INCIDENT RE OLIVER W. HILL. SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE COLON HUSTINGS COURT, ROANOKE, SHOULD HAVE RECORDS. C.E. CUDDY, PRESENT COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY, WAS PROBABLY ASSISTANT AT THAT TIME. GOVERNOR ALMOND, OF VIRGINIA, WAS EITHER ASSISTANT COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY OR JUDGE OF HUSTINGS COURT THEN, RICHARD T. EDWARDS, ATTORNEY, NOW IN ROANOKE, MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY THEN.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>OLIVER WHITE HILL, aka Charles B. White, Oliver Lewis White</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By: <b>eam</b>
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Synopsis:  
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## REFERENCE

Bureau teletype to RH, WFO, and CG, 12/28/60.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

HCUA records were not checked due to their unavailability at this time.

Recorder's Office, Howard University, advised SA  on 1/3/61, the appointee's records are in storage and is presently attempting to locate.

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Title:

OLIVER WHITE HILL

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Employment at The House of Representatives Restaurant verified. Manager of Harvey's Restaurant unable to recall appointee. OLIVER W. HILL appointed member of Committee on Government Contract Compliance, 1/10/52. No record for appointee's employment, Justice Department. MATTIE I. ECHOLS vaguely recalls appointee. Residences of appointee's brother-in-law and mother verified. Satisfactory credit rating for appointee. No record police agencies. No identifiable passport record. No record Lawyers' Register, Committee on Admissions and Grievances Bar Association for D. C., or Federal Bar Association. Admitted to practice before Supreme Court.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENTS

On January 3, 1961, [redacted] Auditor, House of Representatives Restaurant, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER that prior to 1940, the Senate and House Restaurants were operated by the Committee on Accounts at the Capitol, but were then turned over to the Office of the Architect in 1942. The Senate Restaurant was turned over to a private contractor. [redacted] advised the records of the old Committee on Accounts which he has in storage

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are extremely meager and incomplete and would not reflect what period the appointee would have worked.

On January 3, 1961, [redacted] Waiter, House of Representatives Restaurant, advised SA ERTZINGER he formerly worked with the appointee who he recalled as CHARLES B. WHITE as a waiter in the House of Representatives Restaurant for a period of about two years in 1936, to 1938. [redacted] described the appointee's character, reputation, associates and loyalty as all being fine and indicated he would recommend him most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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On January 3, 1961, [redacted] Waiter, House of Representatives Restaurant, furnished SA ERTZINGER substantially the same information as [redacted] commenting favorably on the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

On December 30, 1960, [redacted] Manager, Harvey's Restaurant, 1107 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., informed SA DAVID J. MURPHY, JR., he has been employed at this restaurant since 1932. He stated that he does not recall the appointee as a former employee or as a waiter. [redacted] advised he has no record of employments going back to 1936 or 1938, and there is no one presently employed at the above restaurant who was there during the pertinent period.

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42 [redacted] Assistant to Chief of Records, The White House Office, advised SA ERTZINGER on January 3, 1961, her records reflect OLIVER W. HILL was appointed by the President by letter dated January 10, 1952, as a member of the Committee on Government Contract Compliance and on August 13, 1953, the committee was abolished. No additional pertinent information was contained in the above file.

On January 3, 1961, SA [redacted] was informed by [redacted] Personnel Office, Administrative Division, United States Department of Justice, that the files of his office disclosed no record for the appointee.

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On January 3, 1961, [redacted] Administrative Assistant, Administrative Office of the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] she could locate no record for the appointee.



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[redacted] Administrative Assistant, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, related to SA [redacted] on January 3, 1961, that she had no recollection of the appointee being employed in that division.

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MATTIE I. ECHOLS, Secretary on the Staff of United States Senator WILLIS A. ROBERTSON, Virginia, on January 3, 1961, advised SA ERTZINGER she was formerly Secretary to Commonwealth Attorney, ROBERT SMITH, (now deceased), in Roanoke. She stated that while there she recalls there was an attorney practicing under the name of OLIVER W. HILL and she recalled he did have some difficulty, but was unable to recall any of the details. She stated that her knowledge of OLIVER W. HILL was so slight she was unable to comment concerning him.

#### NEIGHBORHOODS

On December 30, 1960, [redacted] Manager, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that ARMSTEAD L. WALKER, has resided in Apartment Two at the above address since April or May of 1956. He advised WALKER who is a widower and lives alone is employed as Lead Doorman at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. He described WALKER as an ideal tenant and stated nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty has ever been brought to his attention.

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On December 30, 1960, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that Mrs. OLIVA W. HILL has resided [redacted] at 741 G Place, N.W., for at least thirteen years. She stated that Mrs. HILL owns the house and lives along with the exception for a female roomer who is a Howard University student. She further stated that Mrs. HILL is a good quiet neighbor. She stated that nothing of a derogatory nature concerning her character, associates, reputation and loyalty has ever been brought to her attention.

#### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on December 30, 1960, reflected a satisfactory credit rating for the appointee and his wife, BERESINA of Richmond, Virginia. The above files failed

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to reflect a record for the appointee's mother OLIVA W. HILL or brother-in-law ARMSTEAD L. WALKER.

The files of the United States Park Police as caused to be searched by IC [ ] on December 30, 1960, failed to reflect a record for the appointee, his wife, mother or brother-in-law.

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The files of the Metropolitan Police Department, as caused to be searched by IC [ ] on December 30, 1960, contained no record for the appointee, his wife, mother or brother-in-law; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, as caused to be searched by SE [ ] on December 30, 1960, reflected no identifiable record for the appointee.

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On January 3, 1961, SA GIBBON E. MC NEELY determined there was no record for the appointee at the Lawyers' Register, Committee on Admissions and Grievances Bar Association for the District of Columbia or Federal Bar Association.

On December 30, 1960, [ ] Assistant Clerk, Office of the Clerk, United States Supreme Court, made available the appointee's admission papers to SA CONRAD L. TRAMER which reflected OLIVER W. HILL of Richmond, Virginia, was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on April 3, 1950.



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, RICHMOND /161-25/ 1P

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA, SPI. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL JANUARY  
FOUR, SIXTYONE, AND REPORT OF SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN, JANUARY  
THREE, SIXTYONE AT RICHMOND. REFERENCED TEL SETS OUT NAMES OF  
INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS HUSTINGS COURT, ROANOKE, TO CONTACT RE  
APPOINTEE. REFERENCED REPORT REFLECTS CONTACT WITH ALL OF THESE  
EXCEPT GOVERNOR ALMOND OF VIRGINIA. GOVERNOR ALMOND IN RALEIGH,  
NC AND WILL RETURN EIGHT PM, JANUARY FIVE, SIXTYONE AND WILL BE  
INTERVIEWED JANUARY SIX, SIXTYONE AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT  
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Reporting Office RICHMOND	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 1/6/61	Investigative Period 1/5 - 6/61
TITLE OF CASE  OLIVER WHITE HILL, aka.		Report made by RICHARD E. BRENNAN REB/	Typed By: fkw
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Synopsis:

REFERENCES: WFO teletype dated 1/4/61.  
Richmond report of SA RICHARD E. BRENNAN dated 1/3/61.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Referenced WFO teletype set forth names of certain individuals, as well as Hustings Court, Roanoke, Va., to contact concerning the reason the appointee left Roanoke, Va., in approximately 1936. It is noted that all of these people, including Hustings Court, were contacted previously and results set forth in referenced report.

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## Copy to:

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Date: January 6, 1961

Office: Richmond, Virginia

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Title: OLIVER WHITE HILL

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## Synopsis:

Gov. ALMOND, Richmond, Va., was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and later Hustings Court Judge in Roanoke, Va., during period appointee practiced law there. Gov. ALMOND has no recollection of appointee leaving there under any cloud and feels that people who have so stated are confusing appointee with another lawyer of his race. Gov. ALMOND says appointee has high ethics, and a man of good moral character and loyalty to the U. S.

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DETAILS: AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

On January 6, 1961, Honorable J. LINDSAY ALMOND, Governor of Virginia, advised that during the early 1930's he was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Roanoke, Virginia, at the time that ROBERT S. SMITH was Commonwealth Attorney, and Governor ALMOND was subsequently elevated to the position of Judge of Hustings Court, Roanoke, Virginia. Governor ALMOND said that he came in contact with the appointee during that time in the course of his duties, both as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and as Judge. He said that he recalls very little of Mr. HILL's activities at that time but did recall that Mr. HILL lacked the maturity which so many young lawyers lack coming directly out of law school. Governor ALMOND said that beginning in the early 1950's when he was Attorney General under the administration of Former Governor [redacted] of Virginia, he had considerable contact with the appointee in school desegregation suits. Governor ALMOND said that if the appointee had become involved in any unethical practices in Roanoke or anywhere else he certainly would have known it.

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He said that he is positive, to the best of his recollection, that the appointee never became involved in any such practices and that he did not leave Roanoke, Virginia, under any cloud. Governor ALMOND said that there was an attorney of the appointee's same race practicing in Roanoke at that time whose last name was DOLPHIN and who did leave Roanoke under a cloud in the early 1930's. Governor ALMOND said that he believes that anyone in Roanoke who has stated that the appointee left there under a cloud is confusing him with DOLPHIN.

Governor ALMOND said that from his knowledge of the appointee, he considers him to be ethical, able, well-mannered and a loyal American citizen.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD, OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA  
CHARLES B. WHITE, OLIVER LEWIS WHITE, SPI. REBUTEL  
DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT SIXTY. REVIEW OF G DASH TWO FILES,  
ACSI, DA, THE PENTAGON REFLECT NAME OF OLIVER W. HILL  
APPEARED IN WEEKLY SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DATED  
OCTOBER SEVENTEEN FIFTYTWO. INCLUDED IN THE SUMMARY  
ENTITLED ACTIVITIES OF OTHER SUSPECT RACIAL GROUPS  
INFORMATION SET FORTH RE NAACP SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
HELD IN SOUTH BOSTON, VIRGINIA AT WHICH OLIVER W. HILL WAS  
A SPOKESMAN. G DASH TWO COMMENT STATES QUOTE THE FILES OF  
THIS OFFICE REVEAL THAT OLIVER A. HILL, WHILE NOT A CP  
OR CPS REPORTEDLY FREQUENTS AND ASSOCIATES WITH TOP  
OFFICIALS OF THE CP IN VIRGINIA. HE RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT  
IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCILMAN IN

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IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

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FROM SAC, RICHMOND /161-25/

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REFERENCES IN G DASH TWO FILES MENTIONED RE TEL POSSIBLY  
REFERRED TO APPOINTEE. INFORMATION FROM RICHMOND FILES RE  
APPOINTEE-S POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION VA. CP SET FORTH IN RICHMOND  
REPORT THIS CASE. CP INFORMANTS CONTACTED. [FOR INFO WFO,  
CURRENT RICHMOND INFORMANT HAS ADVISED THAT HILL DISCUSSED AT  
VA. CP MEETINGS AND THAT HILL ACCEPT HELP OF CP AS INDIVIDUALS  
WHEN CANDIDATE FOR RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, BUT REJECTED HELP AS  
REPRESENTATIVES OF CP. SAID, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, HILL HAS NEVER  
BEEN A MEMBER OF CP OR ASSOCIATED WITH CP OR ANY ORGANIZATIONS  
OR GROUPS CONTROLLED BY CP. STATED HILL HAS TOLD VA. CP LEADERS  
THAT HE AND NAACP DO NOT WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CP.] WFO  
DETERMINE FROM G DASH TWO FILES SOURCE THEIR STATEMENT THAT  
QUOTE HILL, WHILE NOT A CP OR CPS, REPORTEDLY FREQUENTS AND  
ASSOCIATES WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF CP IN VA. END QUOTE. IF  
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FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-87)

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA, SPI. RE RICHMOND TEL JANUARY NINE INSTANT.  
A REVIEW OF G TWO FILES, ACSI, REFLECT THE NAME OF OLIVER W. HILL  
APPEARS IN FILE ZERO ZERO ZERO DECIMAL TWO FOUR. DATE OF  
CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER SEVENTEEN FIFTYTWO FROM HQ SECOND ARMY  
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NUMBER THREE THREE TWO, OFFICE OF THE ACS,  
G TWO FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND. UNDER G TWO COMMENT, QUOTE  
THE FILES OF THIS OFFICE REVEAL THAT OLIVER A. HILL, WHILE NOT A  
CP OR CPS, REPORTEDLY FREQUENTS AND ASSOCIATES WITH TOP OFFICIALS  
OF THE CP IN VIRGINIA. HE RECEIVED THEIR SUPPORT IN RUNNING FOR  
OFFICE OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCILMAN IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, UNQUOTE.  
RECORDS, ACSI, THE PENTAGON, INDICATE SOURCE OF ABOVE INFORMATION  
ONLY AS HQ SECOND ARMY, G TWO, FORT GEORGE MEADE. BALTIMORE ATTEMPT  
TO ASCERTAIN IF SOURCE AVAILABLE AND ADVISE RICHMOND TO CONTACT.

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## REFERENCE

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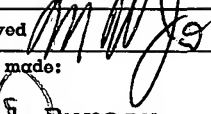
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Title: OLIVER WHITE HILL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Education Howard University verified. Information from ACSI files set forth. OLIVER W. HILL among signatures of attorneys filing brief before United States Supreme Court. No record CSC.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EDUCATION

On January 4, 1961, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the appointee's record at Howard University which reflected he was born May 1, 1907, at Richmond, Virginia. He was enrolled March 19, 1927, in the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, and attended until June, 1927. He continued until June 6, 1930, at which time he withdrew. In September, 1930, he enrolled in the Law School, Howard University and attended until June, 1931, at which time he received a combination Law-Bachelor of Arts degree on June 5, 1931. He returned to the Law School in September, 1931, and attended until June 9, 1932, when he graduated and received a Bachelor of Laws degree. There was no overall average or relative standing in class reflected in the above record. The file reflected the appointee was a member of the Clay Law Club in 1930 and 1931, which won the first year competition prize in the Law School. No additional pertinent information was reflected in the above file.

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Assistant Dean CARROLL L. MILLER, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, advised SA [ ] on January 4, 1961, he recalled the appointee very slightly as a student and knew nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He advised he has since known of him by reputation and of his being honored by the University in 1950, as an outstanding alumnus. Based on the appointee's record he advised he knew of no reason to preclude his suitability for a position of trust and confidence, and he also advised that he knew of no former instructors currently on the faculty who may have taught the appointee as a student.

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Miss OLLIE M. COOPER, Secretary to the Dean, School of Law, Howard University, advised SA [ ] on January 4, 1961, that she recalled the appointee as a student in the Law School when the Law School was located at 420 5th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She regarded the appointee highly as a student and stated he has justified her belief in his successful future as an attorney by his achievements in the field of law. He was honored by Howard University in March, 1950, by receiving the alumni award for that year. She advised the appointee is of unquestioned moral character, reputation, and associates, and is a loyal American citizen. Miss COOPER recommended the appointee most highly for a position of trust and confidence in the government.

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Associate Professor A. MERCER DANIEL, Law School, Howard University, advised SA [ ] on January 4, 1961, he recalled the appointee as a student and has continued to know him as an outstanding attorney in Richmond, Virginia. He stated he has a very high regard for him professionally and personally. He stated the appointee is a very capable and talented individual. Professor DANIEL stated the appointee is a person of unquestioned moral character, associates, and reputation, and regarded him as a loyal American. He recommended the appointee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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*School of Law*  
SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON, III, Dean, Howard University, Law School, advised SA [ ] on January 5, 1961, he knew the appointee as a fellow member of the legal profession since the late 1930's. He stated they were members of the Law Firm of Hill and Robinson from 1943 to 1944, although HILL was in the service from 1943 to 1945. The firm was known as Hill, Martin, and Robinson, from 1944 to September, 1955, when ROBINSON retired from the partnership. He stated the above law firm was located

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in Richmond, Virginia. Dean ROBINSON stated he has had very close professional and social acquaintance with the appointee and his family and regards them very highly in all respects. He stated the appointee is very talented professionally and is an excellent lawyer. He stated the appointee is a first class individual from a standpoint of moral character, reputation and associates. He stated that he has never had any occasion to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States. According to Dean ROBINSON the appointee served on the President's Committee on Government Contracts Compliance in 1949 or 1950, and was honored by Howard University by receiving the alumni award in 1950. He concluded by stating he believed the appointee to be extremely well qualified to handle the duties of an important position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

MISCELLANEOUS

On January 5, 1961, IC [redacted] reviewed the following G-2 files regarding OLIVER WHITE HILL, under file number 000.24, Second Army Area in the Intelligence Records Section, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army, Pentagon. In correspondence dated October 17, 1952, the name OLIVER WHITE HILL appeared concerning the Virginia State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its 17th Annual Convention held in South Boston, Virginia. One of the several convention spokesmen included OLIVER WHITE HILL who advocated, as individuals, not members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that the Negroes vote in a block for the Democratic presidential nominee. This file indicates that OLIVER A. HILL while not a "Communist Party" (Communist Party member) or a "Communist Party Suspect" reportedly frequents and associates with top officials of the Communist Party in Virginia. According to this file he received their support in running for the office of Richmond City Councilman in 1948.

In correspondence dated November 25, 1949, the name OLIVER WHITE HILL, among others, was indicated as having been elected to the Richmond National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Branch, Legal Staff.

The name of OLIVER WHITE HILL appeared in the summary as follows:

"Several Negro leaders including [redacted]

"President of the Virginia State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and OLIVER WHITE HILL, Richmond City Councilman (associate of top Communist Party officials in Virginia), condemned the Regional Educational Plan adopted by the Southern Governor's Conference. They maintained that was a way to deepen the program of segregation and stated they were prepared to fight it by every legal means."

"HILL said the program would be fought in three ways: (1) attack the appropriation of funds for such schools, (2) attempt to get a Supreme Court ruling on the issue in some of the cases already on the way to the high court and (3) probably start legal action immediately if a Negro is forced to go from Virginia to a regional college in another state to obtain the desired courses."

In Correspondence dated October 22, 1948, the name of OLIVER WHITE HILL appeared in the summary as follows:

"The Equalization of Educational Facilities Trial against Pulaski County school authorities for alleged discrimination against Negro high school age students began last week. The plaintiffs contend through three Richmond Negro attorneys, OLIVER WHITE HILL (associate to top officials of the Communist Party in Virginia), MARTIN A. MARTIN, and SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON, III, that Pulaski County educational officials are not meeting their constitutional responsibilities by providing equal facilities for Negroes.

In correspondence dated April 14, 1950, the name of OLIVER WHITE HILL appeared as follows:

"The preliminary to the coming election for seats on the Richmond City Council have started here. Present members of the Council which include OLIVER WHITE HILL (Communist Party associate), prominent Negro attorney, and highly regarded by both races, have entered the race."

In correspondence dated February 4, 1949, the name of OLIVER WHITE HILL appeared in the summary as follows:

"The Baltimore Afro-American reported a split in political votes in Richmond by the endorsement of [redacted] Richmond Negro Attorney, as a

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"candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates by the Richmond Democratic League, and the indication by the Richmond Civic Council that it will back its [redacted] is reported to have announced his candidacy subject to a voters mass meeting on April 5. However, according to the Afro Board, the Council and the League are considered by 'most Richmonders' to be morally bound to support [redacted] candidacy because of assurances given last year when he withdrew from the Richmond City Council race in order to leave the field clear for OLIVER WHITE HILL (Negro)."

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On January 3, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., as contacted by SA DAVID J. MURPHY, JR., produced a copy of the brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, October 10, 1949, Case Number 44, HERMAN M. SWEATT, petitioner, versus THEOPHILES S. PAINTER et al, respondents on Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

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On January 6, 1950, motion of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, to file brief as Amicus Curiae in the above case and brief in behalf of the petitioner, on which among the signatures of attorneys the name of OLIVER WHITE HILL, Virginia, appears. The above motion was denied February 6, 1950.

The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] [redacted] on January 4, 1961, failed to reflect a record for the appointee.

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FROM SAC, BALTIMORE "161-48" 2P

OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA., SPI, RE WFO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, ONE  
NINE SIXTY ONE. REVIEW OF G DASH TWO FILES, SECOND ARMY, FORT  
GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND, AND REVIEW OF CENTRAL RECORDS FACILITY,  
FORT HOLABIRD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, DOES NOT REFLECT CORRESPONDENCE DTD  
OCTOBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO, MENTIONED IN REFERENCED WFO  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES OR SEMIMONTHLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES WHICH  
POSSIBLY REFER TO APPOINTEE DATED AS FOLLOWS COLON AUGUST TWELVE,  
NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, DECEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN , JANUARY  
TWELVE, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, MAY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, PAGE  
TWO, JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, PAGE THREE, SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN,  
NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, PAGE TWO, SEPTEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT,  
PAGE TWO, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, PAGE TWO, JUNE  
TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY, JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO AND AUGUST  
NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, PAGE FOUR. THE ABOVE DATED SUMMARIES  
END PAGE ONE.....

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ONE ZERO NINE CIC DETACHMENT, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. NO IDNETITY OF  
SOURCE NOR THE RELIABILITY OF THE INFORMATION APPEARS IN THE FILES OF  
G DASH TWO, FORT MEADE. RICHOMD AT ONE ZERO NINE CIC DETACHMENT WILL  
REVIEW ABOVE SUMMARIES AND REPORT PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.  
BUDED, JANUARY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE.

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OLIVER WHITE HILL, AKA., SPI. RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE ONE  
ELEVEN SIXTYONE. CAPTAIN WALTER E. SYKES, ONE ZERO NINE  
CIC DETACHMENT, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HE  
HAS NO COPIES OF REFERENCED INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. HE  
STATED ONLY INFORMATION HE HAD RELATIVE TO APPOINTEE IS  
SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH ON THREE BY FIVE CARD. HE  
STATED HIS DETACHMENT IS NOT AN OFFICE OF RECORD. HE  
SAID THAT ALL INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL IS SENT TO G DASH  
TWO SECOND ARMY, FORT MEADE, MARYLAND, AND NO COPIES  
RETAINED BY HIS DETACHMENT. BALTIMORE REPORT PERTINENT  
INFORMATION IN G DASH TWO FILES. BUDED ONE FOUR, SIXTYONE.  
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DIRECTOR, ONE ELEVEN SIXTY ONE. FILES OF G TWO, SECOND ARMY,  
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD., REFLECT AN EIGHT BY FIVE CARD  
WHICH LISTS A RECORD OF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CORRES-  
PONDING TO THE DATES SET OUT IN BALTIMORE TEL TO DIRECTOR  
DATED ONE ELEVEN SIXTY ONE. [REDACTED]  
CENTRAL FILES, G TWO, SECOND ARMY, FORT MEADE, MD., ADVISED  
ON ONE TWELVE SIXTY ONE THAT THESE SUMMARIES HAD FORMERLY  
BEEN SENT TO G TWO AT FORT MEADE FROM ONE ZERO NINTH CIC  
DETACHMENT, RICHMOND, VA., HOWEVER, ALL THESE S WEEKLY SUMMARIES  
HAVE SINCE BEEN DESTROYED. INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE  
FILES OF G TWO, FORT MEADE, WHICH ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]  
ORIGINATED FROM THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM ONE  
ZERO NINTH CIC DETACHMENT, RICHMOND, DATED EIGHT TWELVE  
FORTY SEVEN, REFLECTS THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WAS HELD IN  
RICHMOND, VA. ONE EIGHT FIVE FORTY SEVEN. ONE OF THE CAN-  
DIDATES WAS HILL, A NEGRO ATTORNEY FROM RICHMOND, VA. WHO  
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WAS DEFEATED IN THE ABOVE ELECTION. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CP ADVOCATED SUPPORTING HILL. HILL IS NOT KNOWN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL PARTY, HOWEVER , HE DID ACCEPT SUPPORT AND HELP FROM THE LOCAL PARTY. THE IDENTITY AND RELIABILITY OF THIS SOURCE IS UNKNOWN. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION APPEARING IN FILES OF G TWO ORIGINATING FROM A WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] FROM ONE ZERO NINTH CIC DETACHMENT, RICHMOND, DATED FIVE SEVENTEEN FORTY EIGHT, REFLECTS THAT HILL QUOTE A FORTY YEAR OLD NEGRO ATTORNEY AND VETERAN OF WORLD WAR TWO IS RUNNING FOR NEW CITY COUNCIL RICHMOND. HE IS REPORTED TO FREQUENT AND ASSOCIATE WITH THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE CP IN VIRGINIA, AND WILL MOST LIKELY RECEIVE THEIR SUPPORT UNQUOTE. THE IDENTITY AND RELIABILITY OF THIS INFORMATION IS LIKEWISE UNKNOWN. OLIVER WHITE HILL

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RESIDENCE IN THE FILES G TWO IS LISTED AS ONE ZERO SEVEN OVERBROOK ROAD , RICHMOND, VA. IN VIEW NEBULOUS NATURE OF ABOVE NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY BALTIMORE.

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ReWFOreport of SA [REDACTED] 1-10-61.

On 1-11-61, [REDACTED] Clerk, Personnel  
Section, U.S. Treasury Dept., U.S. Secret Service, advised  
SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS that a search of the files fail to  
reflect a record for the appointee.

In previous WFO report 1-4-61, a check of the  
MPD records was set forth as negative, however, under the  
name CHARLES WHITE, not further identified, the following  
appeared in the files of the Special Investigations Squad,  
MPD, as checked by SA RICHARD A. NEWBY on 1-9-61. The name  
CHARLES WHITE appeared in a list of names in the Daily Worker,  
N.Y. dated Wednesday, 1-21-53, captioned "U.S. Writers,  
Artists Urge Clemency." followed by the statement, "The  
following writers have urged clemency for ETHEL and JULIUS  
ROSENBERG,"

The above files also indicate the name CHARLES WHITE,  
not otherwise identified, was listed in an article captioned,  
"Topical Show to Salute ROBESON", in the 5-24-54, issue of the  
Daily Worker, as a participant in a program that would  
"dramatize the growing world wide demands for the opportunity  
to see and hear the noted actor and singer." The "Cultural  
Salute to PAUL ROBESON" was to be held at the Renaissance  
Casino, 138th St. and 7th Ave., at 8:00 p.m. on 5-26-54. The  
affair was sponsored by the "Committee to Restore PAUL  
ROBESON's Passport."

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended operations on 1-13-58.

WFO files indicate OLIVER HILL, 623 N. 3rd St., Richmond, Va., telephone number 7-7579 was in contact with [redacted] 3700 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. on 8-31-49, at which time [redacted] asked HILL if he would take the [redacted] case, not further described, as counsel. HILL stated he would not be able to take the case. This information was furnished by [redacted] ~~S~~ U

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[redacted] is the subject of a closed WFO SM-C case. Bufile 100-335340. On 3-12-52, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to him during a period in the early 1940's and prior to 1943 as a member of a white collar unit of the CP in Washington, D.C., WFO file 100-16800-212. ~~S~~ U

WFO files further reflect information furnished by [redacted] on 4-11-50, indicating Miss MAUD RUSSELL was planning a trip which was to be for the Progressive Party. Among a number of individuals who were suggested she contact was one OLIVER HILL, a Negro member of Richmond City Council and NAACP. It is believed that the above MAUD RUSSELL is possibly identical with the subject of closed WFO SMC case captioned MAUDE MURIEL RUSSELL, Bufile 100-35459 who is characterized as the former Executive Secretary for Democratic Far Eastern Policy designated by the U.S. Attorney General within purview of E.O. 10450.

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WFO report of SA T. W. DAWSEY, 5-15-41, captioned "National Lawyers Guild, IS - C" the name of OLIVER W. HILL, 1322 Que St., N.W., Washington, D.C., is set forth as having resigned 4-25-39. This information was obtained from ledger cards at the National Headquarters of the National Lawyers Guild in a highly confidential manner (WFOfile 100-1522) characterization attached.

A name check of the indices and/or printed hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on the name OLIVER W. HILL, on 5-20-58, by SE [redacted] reflected the following reference which was not checked against the original source.

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The "Worker" of 6-20-48, page two, praised one OLIVER W. HILL and also displayed a photo of HILL. WFO will review above reference for pertinent information.

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Confidential informant [ ] contacted by  
SA C. EDWIN GLASS, JR. on 1-10-61, failed to indicate any  
information concerning the appointee. ~~U~~

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are still outstanding. ~~U~~

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1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities,  
House Report 1311 on the CIO Political  
Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the  
foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party,  
its front organizations, and controlled unions"  
and which "since its inception has never failed  
to rally to the legal defense of the Communist  
Party and individual members thereof, including  
known espionage agents."  
  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House  
Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild,  
September 21, 1950, originally released  
September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers,  
fronts have been devised making special appeals  
in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out  
far beyond the confines of the Communist Party  
itself. Among these organizations are the  
\* \* \* National Lawyers' Guild. When the  
Communist Party itself is under fire these  
offer a bulwark of protection."  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans,  
S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-87)  
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On 1/16/61, Mrs. B. PRICE HURST, 1322 Q St., N.W., advised SA [redacted] she has resided at this address for 41 years. She stated that she recalled OLIVER HILL and his wife who resided at this address in the upstairs apartment for 8 to 9 months during the early thirties. She stated that she could not recall the exact date, however, it was just before he graduated from Howard University. She stated that they were satisfactory tenants except for the following instance:

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When HILL moved from the above address, a refrigerator which he was moving downstairs, slipped and was dropped down one flight of stairs, damaging a wall. Mrs. HURST stated that other than that and the fact that he was a very "headstrong" person, she knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. She advised that she is the only resident in the neighborhood who would recall HILL as the other neighbors have since moved.

On 1/16/61, [redacted] 1324 Q St., N.W., advised SA [redacted] that she and her husband have only resided in the neighborhood since 1958, and does not recall OLIVER HILL who lived at 1322 Q St., N.W.

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On 1/16/61, [redacted], 1320 Q St., N.W.,  
advised that he and [redacted] have  
only resided in the neighborhood since 1955, and does not recall  
anyone by the name of HILL. He stated that the only one who  
might recall would be Mrs. HURST.

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On 1/13/61, [redacted] Army Personnel  
Records Branch, Pentagon, advised no records were found on  
file for any of the names used by the appointee. The above  
was furnished to IC [redacted]

Confidential informant [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 1/13/61, the appointee is unknown to the informant.  
Check of Confidential informant [redacted] still outstanding. ~~X~~ U

*Office of the Adjutant General, Dept  
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Confidential informant [ ] advised SA THOMAS C. RIES  
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The files of the HCUA as caused to be searched by  
IC [ ] on 1/25/61 reflected the following  
information for OLIVER W. HILL

HILL, OLIVER W. Photo praised

"The Worker" June 20, 1948 page 2.

The above information has been previously reported.

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January 31, 1961

Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien of December 28, 1960, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Oliver White Hill. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

\* Information has been received from two governmental agencies indicating that a check of their files concerning Mr. Hill has not been completed. When these checks have been completed, you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. Hill covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~OLIVER WHITE HILL~~ - Summary

**I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Birth**

Mr. Hill was born on May 1, 1907, at  
Richmond, Virginia.

On October 1, 1942, a court order was entered  
in Hustings Court in Richmond, Virginia, changing the  
name of Charles B. White, sometimes known as Oliver Lewis  
White to Oliver White Hill.

**Education**

From March, 1927, to June, 1930, Mr. Hill  
attended the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University,  
Washington, D. C.

From September, 1930, to June, 1933, he  
attended the School of Law, Howard University, Washington,  
D. C., receiving a combination Law-Bachelor of Arts  
degree on June 5, 1931, and a Bachelor of Laws degree  
on June 9, 1933.

**Employment**

While a high school student during the 1920's,  
Mr. Hill was employed as a waiter at the Roanoke Country  
Club, Roanoke, Virginia, during the Summer months.  
No records concerning this employment could be located  
and the dates of this employment could not be determined.

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From approximately 1933 to 1936, he was engaged in the practice of law at Roanoke, Virginia.

From 1936 to 1938, he was employed as a waiter by the United States House of Representatives Restaurant, Washington, D. C.

It was reported that Mr. Hill was also employed as a waiter in Harvey's Restaurant, Washington, D. C., from 1936 to 1938. No records concerning that employment could be located.

From 1938 to 1943, Mr. Hill was engaged in the practice of law at Richmond, Virginia.

Upon his return from military service, Mr. Hill formed a legal firm in Richmond, Virginia, with Mr. Martin A. Martin and Mr. Spottswood Robinson III. This firm was dissolved on November 30, 1960, because of lack of office space and libraries. Mr. Hill is presently engaged in the practice of law at Richmond, Virginia.

The records of The White House Office, Washington, D. C., indicate that Mr. Hill was appointed by the President of the United States by letter dated January 10, 1952, as a member of the Committee on Government Contract Compliance. This committee was abolished on August 13, 1953. The records contain no additional information concerning this appointment.

### **Military Service**

Mr. Hill was inducted into the United States Army Enlisted Reserve Corps, inactive, on June 14, 1943, and entered on active duty in the United States Army on June 28, 1943. He was honorably discharged on November 2, 1945, as a staff sergeant by reason of being overage.

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**Marital Status**

Mr. Hill is married to the former Beresina Walker and resides with her at 107 Overbrook Road, Richmond, Virginia.

**Bar Affiliations**

Mr. Hill was admitted to the bar, State of Virginia, on September 23, 1934. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., on April 3, 1950.

He is a member in good standing of the American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. There is no record of any grievances against him.

**II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION**

**Interviews**

A. S. Harrison, Jr., Attorney General for the State of Virginia, advised he has only known Mr. Hill for the past three or four years, during which time he has always opposed him in court over the "racial question," inasmuch as Mr. Hill is the Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He stated that in this connection, Mr. Hill has been a great crusader for the Negro race and he has admired him for this. He stated he has always found Mr. Hill to be highly ethical and one whose integrity could not be questioned. He considers Mr. Hill to be an attorney of average ability and, in his opinion, truly loyal to the United States. Mr. Harrison stated that Mr. Hill has always been "above board" in his dealings and he, Mr. Harrison, can truly rely on Mr. Hill's word. He stated that he trusts Mr. Hill and would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.



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T. Gray Haddon, Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known Mr. Hill for approximately fifteen years and has appeared against him in court on numerous occasions. He said that Mr. Hill is very capable as an attorney and one who is entirely ethical in his dealings before the courts. Mr. Haddon said that he does not question the integrity or loyalty of Mr. Hill and would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Martin A. Martin, Attorney, Richmond, Virginia, advised he first met Mr. Hill when they were both students at Howard University, Washington, D. C. Mr. Martin said that in 1945 he, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Spottswood Robinson III formed a legal firm at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Robinson retired approximately five years ago from the active practice of law, and Mr. Martin and Mr. Hill continued as partners until November 30, 1960. At that time the partnership was dissolved due to the lack of adequate office space and libraries. Mr. Martin said that after Mr. Hill graduated from law school in Washington, D. C., he returned to Roanoke, Virginia, and practiced law there for a few years. He went back to Washington, D. C., where he worked as a waiter in the United States House of Representatives Restaurant and the Harvey's Restaurant. While there, he married Beresina Walker of Washington, D. C., a school teacher. Mr. Martin said that Mr. Hill returned to Richmond, Virginia, in 1938, and that he and Mr. Hill have been associated in many legal cases together. Mr. Martin said that, as a lawyer, he considered Mr. Hill to be of the highest type as far as his ability, ethics, moral character, loyalty, and honesty are concerned. He said he would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Attorney, Richmond, Virginia, advised he is very well acquainted with Mr. Hill and has known him for several years. He said he considers Mr. Hill to be a capable lawyer and a man of high ethical practices. He said that in recent years prejudices

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have been developed against Mr. Hill by some of the people of Richmond because of his work with the NAACP. [ ] said that Mr. Hill is capable and would be able to adequately discharge the duties of most legal positions. However, he felt that Mr. Hill might be able to discharge his duties better outside the State of Virginia because of the prejudices which have developed against him in Virginia.

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[ ] Attorney, Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known Mr. Hill for sixteen years on a professional basis. He stated that although he is of a race other than that of Mr. Hill, their association has been of an intimate nature. He recommended Mr. Hill most highly as to his character, reputation, and associates. He said he is loyal to the United States. He stated that in regard to Mr. Hill's legal ability, he described him as a competent constitutional lawyer.

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[ ] said that Mr. Hill was the first member of the Negro race to be elected to public office in Richmond, Virginia. [ ] advised that he himself had tried unsuccessfully to be an elected official in Richmond and has campaigned on many occasions against Mr. Hill.

[ ] stated he would describe Mr. Hill as being "ultra conservative." He stated that by this term he meant that Mr. Hill is an individual who tries to serve all people and not just members of his own race. [ ] advised that because of this, Mr. Hill has on occasion been described by people of the Negro race as "failing to serve their cause." [ ] said he would recommend Mr. Hill for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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[ ] Attorney, Richmond, Virginia, advised he has known Mr. Hill for a number of years and has been acquainted with him professionally in the proceedings of the Boatwright Committee. [ ] said that the official name of this committee was "The Committee of Offenses Against the Administration of Justice," which was formed by the Virginia State Legislature in the latter part of 1956. [ ]

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advised he was appointed the General Counsel for this committee which was formed on the direction of the Virginia General Assembly for the purpose of determining whether various persons and organizations were engaged in activities subject to its jurisdiction, and specifically whether any of them were engaging in illegal or unethical practices and activities. He said that Mr. Hill was a witness before this committee because of his official connection with the NAACP. [ ] said that this committee, in its findings, stated that "among others Oliver W. Hill has committed the Common Law Offense of Barratry as head of the NAACP and that Hill and others were also guilty of the offense of unprofessional conduct."

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[ ] explained that all of these charges against Mr. Hill were as a result of his legal work with the NAACP. He added that in January, 1958, the report of the Boatwright Committee was adopted by the Virginia General Assembly and that a resolution was also adopted by the Assembly referring the findings to the Virginia State Bar. [ ] stated that there is presently an application for an injunction against the NAACP to desist in illegal practices, but the injunction has not been obtained to date. [ ] said that if an injunction is eventually obtained and the injunction should later be violated by Mr. Hill or others, the Virginia State Bar would take disciplinary action against Mr. Hill and others who might violate the injunction.

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[ ] advised that he has no reason to question Mr. Hill's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty to the United States. In regard to Mr. Hill's legal ability, [ ] advised that on the basis of his personal observations of him in numerous legal proceedings, he would describe [ ] He stated that [ ]

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**J. Vaughan Gary, United States Representative from Virginia, interviewed at Richmond, Virginia, advised that Mr. Hill is an attorney in Richmond, Virginia, who has been involved in all the segregation cases in the State of Virginia for the past few years. He noted that Mr. Hill, because of his activities in this respect, is not in the good graces of the majority of the people in Virginia. He explained that Mr. Hill is an able and honest attorney. He stated that, to his knowledge, he is a loyal American citizen. However, he commented that it would be a grave error to appoint Mr. Hill to any Government position in Richmond or in the State of Virginia in view of the animosity against him in this area. He felt that Mr. Hill would function well in a position of trust in the North or East, but would not have the necessary cooperation in the South to do a creditable job.**

**Mr. Gary said that Mr. Hill was the first member of the Negro race to be elected to public office in Richmond, Virginia, and that he was supported by both major races in his election campaign because it was felt that he was a reliable, honest and able individual. He said that Mr. Hill did a good job as a member of the City Council and handled the duties of his office without prejudice.**

**Spottswood W. Robinson, III, Dean, School of Law, Howard University, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Hill as a fellow member of the legal profession since the late 1930's. He said that they had been members of the same law firm in Richmond, Virginia, until September, 1955, when Mr. Robinson retired. He said he has had a very close professional and social acquaintance with Mr. Hill and his family and regards them very highly in all respects. He stated that Mr. Hill is an excellent lawyer and that he is a person of excellent morals, character, reputation, and associates. He said he is loyal to the United States. Mr. Robinson stated that Mr. Hill was honored by the Howard University in 1950 by receiving the alumni award. He stated he considers Mr. Hill to be extremely well qualified to handle the duties of an important position of trust and confidence in the Government.**



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Earl A. Fitzpatrick, Attorney, Roanoke, Virginia, advised that he recalled Mr. Hill when Mr. Hill practiced law at Roanoke, Virginia, during the middle 1930's. He stated that it is his recollection that Mr. Hill became involved in some type of dishonesty in connection with his relationship with a client. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that there was some talk of disbarring Mr. Hill, but nothing of that nature was ever initiated and Mr. Hill departed from Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he has tried for a long time to recall the details of the matter in which Mr. Hill was involved, but had not been able to recall the details or the identity of any individual who would recall what had transpired. He did not know who the client was.

C. E. Cuddy, Commonwealth Attorney, Roanoke, Virginia, advised that he recalled Mr. Hill as an attorney in Roanoke during the middle 1930's. Mr. Cuddy stated that between 1934 and 1937 he, Mr. Cuddy, was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Roanoke, Virginia, under Robert S. Smith, the Commonwealth Attorney. He stated that Mr. Hill practiced some criminal law in Hustings Court, Roanoke, Virginia, but he did not appear to possess any ability as an attorney. He advised, that during approximately 1936, that someone, whose identity he does not know, came to the office of Mr. Smith and complained about the conduct of Mr. Hill. He stated that the complaint related to an attorney-client relationship, and he vaguely recalled it had something to do with funds taken by Mr. Hill from his client. Mr. Cuddy stated that it was discussed as to whether criminal action should be taken against Mr. Hill or whether the matter should be turned over to the Virginia Bar Association for disbarment proceedings but Mr. Hill left Roanoke shortly thereafter and no action or record was ever made of the incident. He advised that he could not recall the identity of anyone who might have knowledge of the incident since Mr. Robert S. Smith is deceased.

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John Strickler, United States Attorney, Western District of Virginia, interviewed at Roanoke, Virginia, advised he recalled Mr. Hill as having practiced law in Roanoke, Virginia. He stated that when Mr. Hill departed from Roanoke, he did not have a very good reputation. He said that Mr. Hill's departure from Roanoke was vague in his mind, but he believed there was some question about Mr. Hill's having taken money that belonged to a client. Mr. Strickler stated that, to his knowledge, no action was taken against Mr. Hill in regard to the taking of the funds, and he had no idea as to who could furnish more specific information regarding the incident.

Mattie I. Echols, Secretary, Office of Willis A. Robertson, United States Senator from Virginia, interviewed at Washington, D. C., advised she was formerly secretary to Commonwealth Attorney Robert S. Smith at Roanoke, Virginia. She stated that Mr. Smith is now deceased. She advised that, while in Roanoke, she recalls there was an attorney practicing law by the name of Oliver W. Hill and that he became involved in some difficulty. She stated that she is not able to recall any of the details of this incident and that her knowledge of Mr. Hill is so slight that she is not able to comment concerning him.

Major Frank Webb, Superintendent of Police, Roanoke, Virginia, advised he recalled Mr. Hill when he practiced law in Roanoke. He stated that he is unable to recall any of the details concerning Mr. Hill's activities in Roanoke and does not know the reason for Mr. Hill's departure from there.

J. Lindsay Almond, Governor of Virginia, interviewed at Richmond, Virginia, advised he was Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Roanoke at the time Mr. Robert S. Smith was Commonwealth Attorney. Governor Almond said that he later became Judge of Hustings Court, Roanoke. He said that he came in contact with Mr. Hill during the middle 1930's in the course of his duties, both as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and as Judge. He said he recalls very little of Mr. Hill's activities

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at that time but did recall that he lacked the maturity, which so many young lawyers lack coming directly out of law school. Governor Almond said that in the early 1950's he was the Attorney General of Virginia and had considerable contact with Mr. Hill in school desegregation suits. Governor Almond said he is aware that allegations have been made which indicate that Mr. Hill was involved in some unethical practice while an attorney in Roanoke, Virginia. He said he is positive, to the best of his recollection, that Mr. Hill never became involved in any such practices and that he did not leave Roanoke, Virginia, "under any cloud." Governor Almond said there was a Negro attorney practicing law in Roanoke whose last name was Dolphin and who did leave Roanoke "under a cloud" in the early 1930's. Governor Almond said that it is possible that Mr. Hill has been confused with Mr. Dolphin. Governor Almond said that from his knowledge of Mr. Hill, he considers him to be ethical, able, well mannered, and loyal to the United States.

Twenty-seven other persons, consisting of associates, social acquaintances, present and former co-workers, and neighbors, were interviewed and they all recommended Mr. Hill. They stated that he is a loyal American of good character, reputation, and associates.

**Close Relatives**

Mr. Hill's mother, Mrs. Oliva W. Hill, divorced his father, William White, Jr., when Mr. Hill was a small child. She and Joseph C. Hill were married on April 24, 1911.

Mr. Joseph C. Hill is deceased. Mr. Hill's mother, Oliva W. Hill, presently resides at Washington, D. C. [redacted], presently resides with him at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Hill has no brothers or sisters. The present whereabouts of William White, Jr., was not known to persons interviewed during this investigation.

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. Hill or any of his close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Hill:

Passport Office, Department of State;

Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission;

Army Personnel Records Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army;

G-2, Central Records Facility, Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland.

Miscellaneous

During July, 1956, a confidential informant,\* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] maintained various lists of names and addresses in their home at 3017 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. Some of these lists contained headings, such as "Philip Morris Workers," "NAACP Leaders," "Negro Leaders," "Labor Leaders," and "Tobacco Workers." On one of the lists, which bore no heading, the name "Mr. Oliver Hill, 107 Overbrook Road," appeared; and on another list, headed ~~X~~ U

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"Negro Leaders - January, 1956," the name "Mr. Oliver Hill, 107 Overbrook Road, Lawyer-NAACP," appeared. ~~X~~ U

In 1956 another confidential informant,\* who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is aware of the activities and some of the members of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia, advised that the above lists were compiled by [redacted] from educational publications, telephone directories, newspaper articles, and other public source material. This informant has also stated that these lists were meant to include businessmen, educators, Government workers, clergymen, labor leaders, and other prominent individuals and were compiled without the consent or knowledge of the persons whose names appear on the lists. The informant emphasized that the appearance of a person's name on the above lists has no significance whatsoever and should not be considered as such in any manner. ~~X~~ U

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~~X~~ U This informant has advised that [redacted] has been an official of the Communist Party in Richmond, Virginia, since the early 1940's. He said that she was Chairman of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia during 1956 and that she was later a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. He advised that [redacted] is also an official of the Communist Party in Richmond, Virginia. The Communist Party has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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A confidential informant,\* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1950, that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights held a picnic at Richmond, Virginia, on July 23, 1950. This picnic was attended by approximately sixty persons and among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Hill. The informant added that the Stockholm Peace Petition was circulated at this picnic and was signed by Oliver W. Hill. ~~X~~ U

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This informant advised in 1949 that a Richmond Committee for Civil Rights' meeting was held in Richmond, Virginia, on April 22, 1949. He said a suggestion was made at this meeting that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights affiliate itself with other organizations on an issue of interest to this committee. One such organization mentioned at the meeting was the Communist Party. According to the informant, some members warned against "being used" by other organizations, and it was decided that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights would cooperate with other "progressive groups" in time of need on the matter of civil rights. ~~&~~ U

This informant said that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights is an adjunct of the Virginia Committee for Civil Rights and explained that these organizations, to his knowledge, were reputable groups that had no affiliation with the Communist Party or any other subversive organizations. The informant advised on May 18, 1955, that the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights was no longer in existence. ~~&~~ U

According to a circular, published by the Richmond Committee for Civil Rights, this organization was formed in 1949 to oppose segregation and discrimination in Virginia.

Concerning the Stockholm Peace Petition, mentioned above, it is noted that the House Committee on Un-American Activities cited the World Peace Appeal, also known as the Stockholm Peace Petition, as follows:

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"The Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress met \*\*\* in Stockholm, Sweden, between March 15 and 19, 1950 \*\*\* to launch the boldest and most far-reaching maneuver of the whole Communist peace movement--the world-wide circulation of 'peace' petitions\*\*\*

"The launching of the world-wide drive for signatures to a so-called World Peace Appeal \*\*\* is the \*\*\* most extensive piece of psychological warfare ever conducted by any organization on a world scale \*\*\* The World Peace Appeal was launched 3 months before the outbreak of Communist armed aggression against South Korea. Obviously the appeal was intended as a smoke screen for such aggression."

On May 1, 1950, this informant advised that the "Hill Election Campaign" was on the agenda of the Communist Party membership meeting held at Richmond, Virginia, on April 17, 1950. At this meeting, [redacted] of the Communist Party in Richmond, Virginia, stated that ways must be found to influence a real drive for Oliver Hill in the next six weeks. She declared that the Communist Party must influence all groups possible to work for the support of Mr. Hill among members of other races besides his own. It is noted that Mr. Oliver W. Hill was a candidate for the office of Councilman in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at that time. ~~S~~ U

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On April 4, 1960, a representative\* of another Government agency, which conducts personnel and security-type investigations, advised that he received the following information from a source whose identity he did not desire to reveal and whose reliability he did not furnish: ~~S~~ U

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This source reported that she has a nine-year-old girl attending Carver School in Richmond, Virginia. She said that considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon her directly and also indirectly through her daughter by teachers and leaders of the Negro race in Richmond insisting that she join the NAACP. The source reportedly refused to join the NAACP. ~~X~~ U

The source further stated that for some time Mr. Oliver W. Hill had appeared at the Carver School each Monday morning at which time he had talked to the students. The source said that the general tenor of Mr. Hill's talks to the students "is a hate program directed towards the white race and a fanatical adherence to the aims of the NAACP." ~~X~~ U

The source also reported that there was a wide-spread rumor among the people of the Negro race in Richmond to the effect that Mr. Oliver W. Hill and other members of the NAACP were requiring individuals to sign over their homes and other property in their wills to the NAACP. The source stated that she was concerned that the school system of Richmond, Virginia, was being used to advocate such open hatred for the white race. ~~X~~ U

On December 30, 1960, the above Government agency identified its source as [redacted] Richmond, Virginia. [redacted] advised that she knows Mr. Oliver Hill only by reputation as a Richmond attorney and has never had any contact with him. She said that no one has ever tried to induce her to join the NAACP and she could not suggest anyone whom Mr. Hill or anyone else had ever prevailed upon to join the NAACP. She said that Mr. Hill may have addressed the Parent Teachers Association of the Carver School at one time or another. However, she never attended any meeting that Mr. Hill addressed. She said she has no knowledge of Mr. Hill appearing at Carver School on Monday mornings or any other morning and speaking to the students. She said she has never heard of Mr. Hill or anyone else requiring individuals to sign over their homes or any other property in their wills to the NAACP. ~~X~~ U

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In January, 1943, a confidential informant \* who has furnished reliable information in the past and is now deceased, advised that in January, 1943, Mr. Hill was a speaker at the organizational meeting of the Richmond Civic Council held on January 1, 1943, at Richmond, Virginia. He said that this meeting was dominated by ministers. He said that, in his opinion, the Richmond Civic Council was formed by the NAACP as an instrument behind which they could operate to further their own program of saving the Negro race. On May 11, 1944, this informant stated that the activities of the Richmond Civic Council were negligible and that its post-war planning committee had not functioned for over a year.

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was aware of some of the activities of the Communist Party in Virginia in 1946, advised in January, 1946, that [redacted] had discussed a \$500 legal fee with [redacted] Chairman of the Communist Party in Virginia. According to this informant, [redacted] stated that as long as Mr. Oliver Hill supervised the legal work, this fee would be all right. The informant could furnish no additional information concerning this legal work. ~~C~~ U

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During July, 1947, a confidential informant \*\*\* who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was aware of some of the activities of the Communist Party in Virginia during 1947, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] had been commenting on the political campaign of Mr. Oliver Hill. The informant stated that [redacted] made the comment that the Communist Party was going to support Mr. Hill first and another candidate second in the election for the Virginia House of Delegates. ~~C~~ U

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during February, 1955, that a State Executive Committee meeting of the Communist Party in Richmond was held on February 14, 1955. He said that at the meeting [redacted] stated she had discussed the election campaign of Mr. Oliver Hill with a "unionist." ~~C~~ U

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She asked the "unionist" what he thought about Mr. Hill coming out for labor's interests in order to get votes from people not of his own race. She said there was a certain amount of prejudice against Mr. Hill since the United States Supreme Court's decision on segregation and that "we" feel if Mr. Hill will come out on a real fighting labor program for unions in both of the major races, it will act as a counter-balance against such prejudice against him on the segregation issue. ~~X~~ U

On April 4, 1955, this informant advised that the Communist Party had discussed Mr. Hill as a candidate in the Virginia State election at a meeting of the Richmond Communist Party on March 30, 1955. At that time the Communist Party decided that Mr. Hill should be forced to come out on a pro-labor program if he expected to have a chance in the election. ~~X~~ U

On July 28, 1955, this informant advised that a discussion was held at a meeting of the Communist Party in Richmond, Virginia, on July 21, 1955, concerning the recent election in Richmond. He said that the Communist Party considered that Mr. Hill could have made a much better showing in his campaign for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates if he had come out on a fighting labor program as advocated by the Communist Party. ~~X~~ U

On September 24, 1956, the informant advised that a meeting of the Communist Party was held on September 18, 1956, at Richmond, Virginia. At this meeting [redacted] reported that she and her husband had attended a public hearing on the Virginia school problem. It was brought out in the public hearing that the Virginia State Legislature had received some leaflets from the Communist Party with respect to segregation in the public schools. The informant reported that Mr. Oliver Hill, who was present at the public hearing, was asked if he agreed "with them," meaning the Communist Party. The informant added that [redacted] said that Mr. Hill replied that he agreed with the communists to the extent that he believed in integration, but that he did not go along with them in other respects. ~~X~~ U

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The informant stated that Mr. Hill made the statement at this hearing that he had constantly fought any efforts the Communist Party may have made to gain influence in the NAACP. ~~S~~U

On April 29, 1957, this informant advised that at a meeting of the Communist Party in Richmond, Virginia, on April 27, 1957, [ ] stated that she and her husband had been to visit Mr. Oliver Hill in connection with the Pupil Placement Plan of the State of Virginia. The informant said [ ] stated that Mr. Hill did not think it would be a good idea for the [ ]

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[ ] further mentioned that Mr. Hill felt that the [ ] because of their leanings "to the left." The informant added that, according to [ ] Mr. Hill had wondered what had happened to "them" and that the people of his race were still ready to work along with people of other races on their problems. ~~S~~U

On December 30, 1960, the informant advised that Mr. Oliver W. Hill is known to him as a prominent attorney in Richmond, Virginia, who has been very active in connection with public school and other desegregation cases. He noted that Mr. Hill is a member of the NAACP legal staff and was a member of the City Council of Richmond a few years ago. He recalled that Mr. Hill has on numerous occasions been discussed at meetings of the Virginia State Communist Party. He remembered that the Communist Party leaders in Virginia sought to aid in Mr. Hill's campaign for office in the Richmond City Council and that Mr. Hill accepted their help as individuals but not as representatives of the Communist Party. He pointed out that, to his knowledge, Mr. Hill has never been a member of, or associated with, the Communist Party or any organizations or groups controlled by the Communist Party. As a matter of fact, he mentioned that both [ ] of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia in the 1940's, and [ ] of the Communist Party, have attempted to influence Mr. Hill on occasions; however, he has in effect told them ~~S~~U

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that he and his organization, the NAACP, do not want to have anything to do with the Communist Party. The informant added that he would, on the basis of his knowledge of Mr. Hill, recommend him as an honest and loyal American citizen. ~~X~~ U

The January 28, 1950, issue of the "Louisiana Weekly," a newspaper published weekly at New Orleans, Louisiana, contained an article captioned, "18 Southern Lawyers File New Brief in Sweatt Case." This article reads in part as follows:

"18 Southern lawyers have signed a brief to be presented before the United States Supreme Court in support of a Negro law student suing for admittance to the law school of the University of Texas, Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, of New Orleans, announced today.

"The brief, filed in behalf of the Educational Fund, attacks the principle of 'separate but equal' facilities in education as involved in the case of Herman Sweatt, who is challenging the right of the State of Texas, to force him to attend a segregated Negro law school, Williams said. The case is scheduled to be held January 30th."

The article stated that among those signing the brief was Mr. Oliver W. Hill, Richmond, Virginia.

Concerning the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, mentioned above, it is to be noted that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. An amendment to the Charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

The records of the United States Supreme Court contained a copy of a brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, October 10, 1949, case number 44, Herman M. Sweatt, petitioner versus Theophiles S. Painter, et al, respondents, on writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

The records of the United States Supreme Court indicate that on January 6, 1950, a motion of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, was made to file a brief in the above case and a brief in behalf of the petitioner in which among the signatures of attorneys, the name of Mr. Oliver W. Hill, Virginia, appears. The above motion was denied February 6, 1950.

A confidential informant\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 15, 1941, that Mr. Oliver W. Hill, 1322 Q Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., had resigned from the National Lawyers' Guild on April 25, 1939.

The National Lawyers' Guild, mentioned above, was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American activities.

Mrs. B. Price Hurst, 1322 Q Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised she has resided at this address for forty-one years. She stated that she recalled Mr. Hill and his wife as having resided in the upstairs apartment at this address for eight or nine months during the early 1930's. She said that Mr. Hill and his wife resided at this address prior to his graduation from

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Howard University, Washington, D. C., although she could not recall the exact dates. Mrs. Hurst advised that she does not know of anything derogatory concerning Mr. Hill or his wife. She advised she is the only resident in the neighborhood who would recall Mr. Hill as the others have since moved.

The August 11, 1955, edition of the "Washington Star," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, contained an article which states that a cross was burned in front of the Richmond, Virginia, home of Mr. Oliver W. Hill, chairman of the legal committee of the NAACP in Virginia. According to the article, the police stated that they had received no formal complaint on this matter.

Other confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are acquainted with activities of the Communist Party and its front groups in appropriate areas, have been contacted and advised that they possess no information concerning Mr. Hill or any of his close relatives.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information.

February 3, 1961

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Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

By letter dated January 31, 1961, you were  
furnished a summary memorandum containing the results  
of an investigation concerning Mr. Oliver White/Hill.

Information has now been received from the  
United States Secret Service and the House Committee  
on Un-American Activities indicating that their  
files contain either no record or no additional  
pertinent information concerning Mr. Hill.

The above concludes the investigation in  
this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : W. V. CLEVELAND

DATE: June 9, 1961

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT:

OLIVER WHITEHILL  
 SPECIAL INQUIRIES - WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has today requested that copies of the summaries on [redacted] dated May 23, 1961, and [redacted] dated June 6, 1961, be furnished to the Atomic Energy Commission. It was also requested that copies of the summaries on [redacted] dated February 10, 1961, and Oliver Whitehill, dated January 30, 1961, be furnished to the Civil Service Commission.

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